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NEWS RELEASE

Buffalo Grove Police Remind Residents to Plan Before St. Patrick's Day Celebrations: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*

Buffalo Grove, IL. – As one of the country's most popular holidays, St. Patrick's Day has long been a celebration for millions of Americans with Irish ancestry, as well as others who take part in the festivities. Too often, these celebrations turn deadly if citizens don't plan ahead, and choose to drive impaired. The Buffalo Grove Police Department is reminding its residents to, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!"

"The Buffalo Grove Police Department will be on patrol this St. Patrick's Day and residents are reminded to obey the law," said Sergeant Anthony Goldstein. "Don't drink and drive, and don't let your friends do it. Help us ensure there are zero fatalities in Illinois over this holiday."

In addition to patrolling for alcohol and drug-impaired drivers, the Buffalo Grove Police Department will be stepping up seat belt enforcement, particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are the lowest.

"If you choose to drink, designate a sober, reliable driver to get you home safely from the party. If you're planning on driving, don't drink. The last thing you want to do is ride home with a cop," Goldstein said.

The St. Patrick's Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and is administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

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