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NEWS RELEASE

Labor Day Traffic Enforcement in Buffalo Grove

Buffalo Grove, IL – This Labor Day, families and friends will be saying goodbye to summer. Sadly, this festive time is also a dangerous time on our roads, as many alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers get behind the wheel after celebrating. For this reason, the Buffalo Grove Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to stop drunk drivers and help save lives.

The high-visibility, 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' crackdown runs from August 20 through September 4, 2018. During this period, law enforcement agencies across Illinois will show zero tolerance for impaired driving and seat belt law violators.

"We need people to understand that impaired driving is a deadly crime," said Sergeant Michelle Kondrat. Statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA), report that 10,497 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2016, which means one person was killed every 50 minutes. The goal of this campaign is to end the devastation caused by motor vehicle crashes that involved impaired drivers.

During the crackdown period, there will be an emphasis on impaired driving and seat belt enforcement. Local drivers should expect to see more patrol vehicles and increased messages about the dangers of drunk and drugged driving.

NHTSA has made it even easier to get home safely when drivers have been drinking, with the free **SaferRide** mobile app, available through iTunes and Google Play. The app allows individuals to call pre-selected contacts or a taxi, who can identify the pickup location.

This Labor Day remember: there is never an excuse to drive impaired. If you choose to break the law, Buffalo Grove Police will arrest you – 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'.

The Labor Day 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' crackdown is made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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