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NEWS RELEASE

Don't Rely on Luck, Drive Safe and Sober this St. Patrick's Day

Buffalo Grove, IL. – Buffalo Grove Police will be conducting special patrols for the St. Patrick's Day holiday period between Thursday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The goal of this campaign is to crack down on impaired drivers, and to encourage people to wear their seat belts. Celebrated throughout the country, St. Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to the number of drunk drivers on the road.

"We urge our residents and visitors to enjoy St. Patrick's Day responsibly," said Traffic Sergeant Michelle Kondrat. "Police will be out in force to keep impaired drivers off the roads and help to ensure everyone makes it home safely."

Before the green beer starts flowing, remember to designate a sober driver. If you don't have a designated driver, call a cab, use a ride-sharing service, or have a sober friend or family member pick you up. Driving intoxicated endangers you, your passengers, and everyone on the road. As always, buckle up – as it's your best defense if you're involved in a crash.

Pedestrians can be at risk, too. If you're walking, keep an eye out for cars. If you're a designated driver, be alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs and pedestrian signals.

The Illinois "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns are administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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