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NEWS RELEASE

Before you Party for St. Patrick's Day Remember to 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'

Buffalo Grove, IL – With the St. Patrick's Day holiday just around the corner, Buffalo Grove Police are reminding motorists to plan ahead for a sober ride home to keep celebrations from turning deadly.

"We understand people are looking for a reason to celebrate, but we urge you to do so safely," said Lieutenant Michael Rodriguez. "While festivities may look different this year, the basics remain the same: If you'll be drinking, using cannabis, or another impairing substance, make the right choice to find a sober driver to get you and your friends home safely."

In addition to patrolling for alcohol and drug-impaired drivers, Buffalo Grove Police will be stepping up seat belt enforcement, particularly at night when usage rates are at their lowest. Speed limit and distracted driving laws will also be strictly enforced.

Designating a sober driver and not letting friends drive impaired are two simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for driving under the influence. Please also remember to wear your seat, and that pedestrians are at risk too. If you are walking, please keep an eye out for vehicles, and if you are driving, remain alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs.

The St. Patrick's Day 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign goes from March 12-18, 2021, funded by federal traffic safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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