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Glendale Heights Is Arresting Drunk Drivers This Holiday Season Remember: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*

[Glendale Heights, IL] – This holiday season, the Glendale Heights Police Department will work around the clock to keep drivers and passengers safe as they search for alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers. From Dec. 18 through the early morning hours of Jan. 2, the Glendale Heights Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois in a year-end *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement.

“Now through New Year’s Day, motorists will notice increased enforcement watching closely for anyone who is driving impaired,” said Sergeant Kirstein “It is vital that we keep our travelers safe, not just at the holidays, but every day. That’s why we’ll arrest anyone who chooses to drive impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Officers also will be looking for, and ticketing, individuals who aren’t buckled up. It is the law in Illinois to wear your seat belt, no matter where you are seated in the vehicle.

The holidays are a special time, full of excitement and endless festivities. Too often, these celebrations bring higher numbers of impaired drivers to the roads, endangering other motorists. Drunk and drug-impaired driving is deadly. Last year, 37,461 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United States. Of those killed, 28 percent (10,497) died in crashes in which a driver had a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) over the limit of 0.08.

“We are committed to doing whatever it takes to help save lives by keeping impaired drivers off the road,” said Sergeant Kirstein.

Impaired driving offenders often serve jail time, lose their driver’s license, are charged higher insurance rates and pay unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing, repairs and lost wages. The ultimate cost of impaired driving is causing a traffic crash that injures or kills.

The *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement effort is made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.