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PLAINFIELD POLICE PLAN LABOR DAY IMPAIRED DRIVING AND SEAT BELT CRACK DOWN FROM AUGUST 19TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5TH

Plainfield, IL – The Plainfield Police Department has planned extra traffic enforcement around the Labor Day Holiday. The intensified enforcement effort will focus on the overwhelming number of late night impaired drivers and safety belt violators that underscore the disproportionate number of traffic deaths occurring during late night hours.

According to data from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the midnight to 3:00 am timeframe is the deadliest time on Illinois roads. Not coincidentally, the data also shows this time of day has the highest percentage of alcohol involvement and the lowest occupant restraint use.

The numbers do not lie. The Plainfield Police Department will be stepping up late night enforcement efforts, making sure impaired drivers are off the road and motorists are buckled up. The enforcement effort will also include a roadside safety check in conjunction with the Illinois State Police and Will County Sheriff's Department. The purpose of the roadside safety check is to remove intoxicated drivers from the roadways. However, enforcement action will be taken in the event other violations are also observed such as unlicensed or suspended/revoked drivers, equipment violations, i.e., inoperable lights or unsafe tires, and failure to wear seat belts. The roadside safety check will be conducted over Labor Day weekend along Route 59.



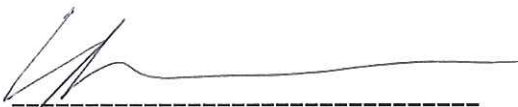
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The Plainfield Police Department recommends designating a sober driver and not letting friends and family drive impaired as just two of several simple steps to avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving. Other important tips include:

- Plan ahead. Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys.
- If you are impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.
- Promptly report impaired drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement.
- Wear your safety belt. It is your best defense against an impaired driver.

The Labor Day Holiday law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety, which runs concurrently with a media campaign that will remind motorists, "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." For more information, visit www.drivesoberillinois.org.

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