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Carol Stream Police To Crack Down on Impaired Drivers in Holiday *You Drink & Drive. You Lose* Blitz

(Carol Stream, IL) - Carol Stream Police will be out in full force looking for and cracking down on impaired drivers this holiday season Traffic Sgt. John Jungers announced today.

"The holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Year's is one of the deadliest and most dangerous times of the year due to an increase in drunk driving," said Jungers. "That's why we will be working overtime with increased dedicated patrol units to catch and arrest anyone who is driving while impaired."

"Our message is simple: *You Drink and Drive. You Lose*," Jungers said. "We know there are going to be holiday celebrations and office parties this time of year where alcohol will be consumed, so your best bet is to always designate a sober driver before the parties begin. Otherwise, we will do our best to catch, arrest and prosecute you."

Jungers said that always designating a sober driver and not letting friends drive drunk are just two of several simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving. Other important tips include:

- If you're impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit, or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement;
- Spend the night where the activity is being held and sleep it off;
- Always buckle up - it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

Impaired driving is no accident - nor is it a victimless crime. It is one of America's deadliest problems. In the nation last year, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates show more than 17,000 people died in motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol. In 2006 in Illinois, NHTSA estimates 594 people died in alcohol-related crashes and 444 of those individuals died in crashes in which a driver was at .08 BAC or above.

"Driving impaired is a deadly decision, and it is against the law. We will show zero tolerance. Violators will be spending their money on bail, court, lawyers, and towing fees instead of buying holiday presents for others, said Jungers "So remember, designate your sober driver before the parties begin - or *You Drink and Drive. You Lose*."

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety and is coupled with a media campaign that will remind motorists: "You Drink & Drive. You Lose."

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