



SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Skokie Police Department Begins an End of Summer Late-Night Enforcement Crackdown Impaired drivers and seat belt law violators targeted

Skokie, IL – The Skokie Police Department today announced late-night plans for their “End of Summer – Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement campaign. The Impaired Driving Crackdown focuses on the deadliest time of day for motor vehicle fatalities. The intensified enforcement effort against the overwhelming number of late-night impaired drivers and seat belt law violators emphasizes 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 a.m. timeframe is the deadliest time on Illinois roads. The data also shows this time of day has the highest percentage of alcohol involvement and the lowest occupant restraint use.

Several DUI roadside safety checkpoints will take place in the early morning hours during this upcoming enforcement period. The dates, times, and locations of these checkpoints are as follows:

Friday, September 19 – 20, 2014, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
5005 Dempster St., Skokie IL

Saturday, September 20 – 21, 2014, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
5030 Old Orchard Rd., Skokie IL

Friday, September 26 – 27, 2014, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
8600 McCormick Blvd, Skokie IL

Saturday, September 27 – 28, 2014, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
4630 Oakton St., Skokie IL

The Skokie 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 seat belt and make sure all passengers are safely buckled up. It is your best defense against an impaired driver.

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through IDOT's Division of Transportation Safety and it runs concurrently with a media campaign that will remind motorists, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

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