FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 09, 2016

CONTACT: Crime Prevention Unit (847) 982-5900

**Skokie Police Department Begins Late-Night Enforcement Crackdown**

Impaired drivers and seat belt law violators targeted

Several DUI roadside safety checkpoints in conjunction with several saturation patrols will take place in the early morning hours during the upcoming summer months. The dates, times, and locations of these checkpoints are as follows:

Friday, August 12-13, 2016, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
5100 Old Orchard Road, Skokie IL

Saturday, August 13-14, 2016, 11:15 p.m. – 3:15 a.m.,
5100 Dempster Street, 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.
- 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."