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Holiday campaign brings impaired drivers to justice, boosts seat belt use

(Franklin Park, IL) — This past holiday season, the Franklin Park Police Department teamed up with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies statewide for the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,” “Drive High. Get a DUI.” and “Click It or Ticket” campaigns. From Dec. 12 through Jan. 5, officers focused on removing impaired drivers from the road and ensuring that motorists were properly buckled.

From rural routes and small-town streets to busy suburban arterials and city expressways, the goal was the same: to prevent crashes and save lives.

The result? A safer holiday season with four (4) impaired driving arrests (alcohol and drug related) and thirty-five (35) citations for seat belt violations. Additional enforcement activities included three (3) citations for speeding, four (4) citations for no valid or suspended/revoked driver’s licenses, and thirty-nine (39) citations for other traffic offenses.

“We can’t stress it enough: impaired driving is a deadly gamble, no matter where you live,” said Chief Thomas Ferris. “Whether it’s alcohol, cannabis or any other drug, driving impaired is illegal, irresponsible and puts lives at risk — yours, your passengers’ and everyone else’s on the road. That’s why we do this.”

The holiday enforcement campaign was administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is part of Illinois’ “It’s Not a Game” statewide media outreach program.

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