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Palatine Police Department releases holiday enforcement numbers

[Palatine, IL] — The Palatine Police Department partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement across the state for the holiday “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement campaign between December 16, 2022 and January 2, 2023.

“We can’t stress this enough: Impaired driving is illegal, potentially deadly behavior, and it puts the driver, passengers and all road users at risk,” said Palatine Police Commander David Brandwein. “The ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ campaign helps our law enforcement officers address this problem head on. If you use any impairing substance, do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle.”

The Palatine Police Department ramped up its usual enforcement efforts by adding a roadside safety checkpoint on Saturday, December 17 into the early morning hours on Sunday, December 18. In total for the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement campaign, Palatine Police issued:

- 15 seat belt citations
- 41 speeding citations
- 12 distracted driving citations
- 5 Driving While License Suspended/Revoked/ No Valid Arrests, including one felony Driving While License Revoked arrest.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Fatality Analysis Reporting System, in 2020, a total of 11,654 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving an alcohol-impaired driver. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2016 to 2020, with one person killed in an alcohol-related crash every 45 minutes in 2020.

The holiday enforcement campaign is administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by NHTSA.



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