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The Bloomington Police Department plans stepped-up traffic enforcement for July Fourth celebrations

Bloomington, IL - As Independence Day approaches, the Bloomington Police Department is gearing up for increased traffic enforcement to ensure the safety of all residents and motorists. From July 2 through July 8, our officers will be working tirelessly to keep impaired drivers off the road and ticketing unbuckled motorists.

Driving under the influence not only poses a grave risk to oneself but also endangers passengers and fellow road users. The financial and human costs of a DUI are immeasurable. The decision to avoid driving impaired is simple and could spare lives.

The Bloomington Police Department is collaborating with the Illinois State Police and over 200 local police and sheriffs' departments in this unified effort to enhance statewide enforcement during this period.

To ensure a fun and safe holiday celebration, we urge everyone to follow these tips:

- Designate a sober driver before heading out.
- Prevent friends and family members from driving under the influence.
- If you find yourself impaired, use safe alternatives such as taxis, public transit and ride-sharing apps, or contact a sober friend or family member for a ride.
- Report suspected drunk drivers promptly to law enforcement.
- Ensure that all passengers in your vehicle buckle up. It's not only the law, but also a crucial defense against impaired drivers.

The traffic safety enforcement effort, including the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI," and "Click It or Ticket" programs, is made possible through federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These efforts are complemented by IDOT's "It's Not a Game" media campaign, which emphasizes the serious consequences of impaired driving and other unsafe driving behaviors.



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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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