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TRAFFIC RELEASE

The Rockford Police Department will be participating in the Illinois Department of Transportation's St. Patrick's Holiday Drive Sober / Get Pulled Over Campaign. The Rockford Police Department's main focus will be on impaired drivers and those not wearing their safety belts. Rockford Police Officers will be out conducting roving saturation patrols looking for these violations. The Rockford Police Department will also be working with the Illinois State Police and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department on a joint Roadside Safety Checkpoint. These enforcement details will be conducted between March 13th and March 22nd.

If you are hosting a St. Patrick's Day party:

- Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you serve is involved in a drunk driving crash;
- Make sure all of your guests designate a sober driver in advance or help arrange ride-sharing with other sober drivers;
- Serve lots of food and include lots of non-alcoholic beverages at the party;
- Keep the phone numbers for local cab companies handy and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving drunk.

If you are attending a St. Patrick's Day party:

- Designate a sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys;
- If you do not have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home, call a cab, sober friend or family member to pick you up or just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober;



- Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while drunk;
- Always buckle up – it is still your best defense against a drunk driver.

The St. Patrick's Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered through IDOT's Division of Transportation Safety."

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