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TRAFFIC RELEASE

The Rockford Police Department will be joining other law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois and the nation with step patrols as part of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket campaign over the Labor Day Holiday season. These increased patrols will take place between August 24th and September 7th and will consist of DUI Saturation Patrols and Seat Belt Enforcement Details.

In 2013, there were 10,076 people killed in drunk driving crashes in the U.S. 38 percent of the fatal accident that occurred over the Labor Day weekend that year involved drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations [BACs] of .08 or higher), amounting to 161 lives lost. The reality is, people aren't invincible. Of the 10,076 people who were killed in impaired driving crashes in 2013, 65 percent were the drunk drivers themselves. Those 6,515 drunk drivers planned on making it to their destinations, but they didn't.

Enjoy the last holiday weekend for the summer by not drinking and driving, using a designated driver, or calling a cab and remember to wear your seatbelt.

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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