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## MESSAGE

Impaired driving is a deadly crime still prevalent throughout America and especially among young males age 21 to 34.

Data shows a very disproportionate number of fatal traffic crashes on Illinois roadways occur late at night, and a very high percentage of these fatalities involve alcohol and motorists who have failed to buckle up.

298 people were killed in Illinois in 2010 in motor vehicle crashes involving a driver with an illegal BAC of 0.08 or higher. Data shows during last year's Labor Day Holiday weekend (6 p.m. on Friday before Labor Day to 11:59 p.m. of Labor Day), nine people in Illinois lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes and three of those fatalities involved an impaired driver. 714 people were injured in Illinois during the Labor Day weekend last year.

The Rockford Police Department as well as Law enforcement all over Illinois this Labor Day will be placing special emphasis on impaired driving and seat belt enforcement during the late-night hours.

Drive Safe Rockford.

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