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Rockford Police to Participate in Thanksgiving Holiday “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Campaign

ROCKFORD, Ill. – The Rockford Police Department, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Illinois State Police (ISP), and local law enforcement agencies across the state, are joining together to save more lives by strongly enforcing seat belt and impaired driving laws.

Rockford Police officers are conducting seat belt and impaired driving patrols through November 28, 2016. The department is reminding residents to fasten their seat belts and drive sober during the Thanksgiving holiday, and always, or run the risk of receiving a ticket.

Illinois law requires that all passengers within a vehicle wear seat belts, regardless of where they are seated. According to IDOT, Illinois has a 94.1 percent daytime belt usage rate, however, far too many drivers and passengers fail to buckle up – especially at night.

Impaired driving is a violent crime that kills – every 30 minutes, someone in America dies because of an impaired driver, and every two minutes, someone is injured. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates 47% of Illinois motor vehicle fatalities involve alcohol.

Buckle up and encourage your loved ones to do the same. Save the cost of a ticket, and more importantly, help save lives.

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