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**Steering Clear of Tragedy**

*Impaired Driving Campaign Makes Holidays Safer*

**[Franklin Park, IL]** – This holiday season, Franklin Park Police teamed up with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies statewide for the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign, targeting impaired drivers from December 13 through January 2. The result? A safer holiday season with two (2) impaired driving arrests, thirty-one (31) citations for seat belt violations, and thirty-four (34) citations for speeding, distracted driving and other traffic offenses.

“We can’t stress it enough: Impaired driving is a deadly gamble,” said Director Witz. “It’s illegal, it’s irresponsible and it puts lives at risk – yours, your passengers’ and everyone else’s on the road. Campaigns like ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ empower us to address this issue directly and send a clear message. If you’re under the influence of alcohol, cannabis or anything else, don’t drive.”

During the campaign, the Franklin Park Police Department intensified its enforcement efforts by deploying additional patrol units to deter risky behaviors and catch offenders.

The enforcement initiative, administered by IDOT and funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, underscores the collective commitment to safer roadways, particularly during high-risk times like the holidays.

“This effort isn’t just about enforcement,” said Director Witz. “It’s about protecting lives and ensuring every celebration ends safely for everyone.”

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