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2014 St. Patrick's Day Holiday Crack Down on Drunk Drivers and Unbuckled Motorist.



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Franklin Park Police Announce St. Patrick's Day Traffic Crackdown

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(Franklin Park, IL) – The Franklin Park Police Department announced today that they will be conducting special patrols this St. Patrick's Day holiday to crack down on drunk drivers. The Police Department is also reminding everyone that unbuckled motorists also will be ticketed.

“We are reminding everyone this weekend to Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket,” said Cmdr. Robert Wright. “If you plan on drinking alcohol, designate a sober driver before the party begins. Be responsible or risk a DUI.”

“Too often, St. Patrick's Day can be a deadly and dangerous time on our roadways because of drunk driving,” Wright said. “That is why starting March 13th and running through March 17th, we will be working overtime, by having additional units on patrol, specifically designated to catch and arrest anyone who is driving drunk.”

In addition to looking for drunk drivers, Franklin Park Police will be stepping up seat belt enforcement particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are lowest. Wright said always designating a sober driver and not letting friends drive drunk are two steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for drunk driving.

Other important tips include:

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.