



Village of Harwood Heights Police Department
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Press Release

Drive Merry, Bright and Sober This Holiday Season

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Harwood Heights, IL – The holidays are a time for caring and sharing, which is why the Harwood Heights Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation to step up traffic enforcement efforts for the “*Click It or Ticket*” and “*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*” campaigns. From December 15th through January 2nd, law enforcement across Illinois will show zero tolerance for alcohol- and drug-impaired driving to keep our roads safe and help ensure a happy holiday season.

“If you’ll be celebrating with festive drinks or other impairing substances, make a plan for a safe ride home before you leave for the party,” said Sergeant Nick Ramirez. “Driving impaired is simply unacceptable. That’s why we make zero exceptions and arrest all impaired drivers. There are no excuses.”

The Harwood Heights Police Department recommends these safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

- Designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride-sharing service.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and contact local law enforcement.
- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take their keys and make arrangements to get them home safely. They’ll thank you later.
- Remember to buckle up!

The holiday enforcement campaign is administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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