



**Village of Harwood Heights Police Department**  
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**Press Release**

**Harwood Heights Police to motorists:  
If you're celebrating Thanksgiving, buckle up and drive sober**

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Harwood Heights, IL –This Thanksgiving, the Harwood Heights Police Department is joining the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement to ensure holiday travelers are buckled up and driving sober with a *“Click It or Ticket”* and *“Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”* enforcement campaign that runs November 17<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>.

“Thanksgiving means more vehicles on the road – and an increased risk of crashes,” said Sergeant Nick Ramirez. “No matter how long or short your drive, remember to buckle up and make sure children are in a safe seat. By buckling up and planning for a sober ride home, you help everyone have a safe and happy holiday.”

If you'll be celebrating with alcohol or other impairing substances, please remember:

- Plan for a sober ride home before you go out.
- Call a taxi, take mass transit, or ask a family member to get you home safely.
- Use your favorite ride-share service, such as Uber or Lyft, or take public transportation.
- If you see a drunk driver, pull over safely and call 911.
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It is the best defense against an impaired driver.

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Our efforts are to keep the roadway safe.

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