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Harwood Heights, IL – All too often, St. Patrick's Day celebrations turn deadly because of impaired driving. However you celebrate, make sure you and your friends stay safe this St. Patrick's Day by remembering one important piece of advice: If you'll be drinking alcohol, using cannabis or any other impairing substance, remember "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High. Get a DUI."

The Harwood Heights Police Department will be stepping up seat belt enforcement ensuring drivers are buckled up and driving safely. Impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving and all traffic laws will also be strictly enforced.

"Before celebrating St. Patrick's Day this year, decide whether you'll drink or you'll drive, or whether you'll use or you'll drive," Sergeant Nick Ramirez said. "If you choose to drink or use cannabis, designate a sober, reliable driver to get you home safely."

Always designating a sober driver and not letting friends drive drunk are just two simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

The St. Patrick's Day enforcement campaign is funded by federal traffic safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Our efforts are to keep the roadways safe.

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