



Village of Harwood Heights Police Department
7300 W. Wilson Ave. Harwood Heights, Illinois 60706

Press Release

**Harwood Heights Police Department plans stepped-up
Traffic enforcement for July Fourth celebrations**

June 24th, 2024

Harwood Heights, IL – As Independence Day approaches, the Harwood Heights Police Department is gearing up for increased traffic enforcement to ensure the safety of all residents and motorists. From June 21st through the early-morning hours of July 8th, our officers will be working tirelessly to keep impaired drivers off the road and ticketing unbuckled motorists.

“It’s a straightforward message: If you’re behind the wheel, stay sober. Don’t drink, use marijuana, or consume any other impairing substances before or when driving,” said Sergeant Nick Ramirez. “Our officers will be on duty around the clock, dedicated to enforcing traffic laws and, most importantly, saving lives.”

To ensure a fun and safe holiday celebration, we urge everyone to follow these tips:

- Designate a sober driver before heading out.
- Prevent friends and family members from driving under the influence.
- If you find yourself impaired, use safe alternatives such as taxis, public transit and ride-sharing apps, or contact a sober friend or family member for a ride.
- Report suspected drunk drivers promptly to law enforcement by pulling over and dialing 911.
- Ensure that all passengers in your vehicle buckle up. It’s not only the law, but also a crucial defense against impaired drivers.

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

For more information contact:

Sergeant Nick Ramirez
Phone Number: 708-867-4353
Email: ramirezn@harwoodheights.org