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Press Release

**This St. Patrick's Day, spread the word:
The Luck o' the Irish won't save you from impaired driving**

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Harwood Heights, IL – St. Patrick's Day will be here before we know it, bringing parades, parties, green beer and more to communities throughout the state. To remind motorists of the dangers of impaired driving and to help keep our streets safe, the Harwood Heights Police Department is teaming up with the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Department of Transportation for a stepped-up traffic safety campaign running from March 13 through March 23, 2026.

“With St. Patrick's Day falling on a Tuesday this year, we expect celebrations throughout the entire week — plus the weekends before and after,” said Sergeant Nick Ramirez. “We urge everyone to celebrate responsibly. Plan ahead for a sober ride home before you leave the house — your safety and the safety of others depend on it.”

Whether you're attending a party, hosting friends or going out to a bar, keep safety at the forefront. When it's time to leave, make sure your designated driver is sober. Designated drivers: Be alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs. It's not about luck; it's about smart decisions.

Other important tips:

- Drunk, high or otherwise impaired — it doesn't matter. It is never okay to drive impaired. Designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, call 911 and report it.
- Always buckle up!

The St. Patrick's Day “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Drive High. Get a DUI” enforcement campaign is funded by federal traffic safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered by IDOT. Our efforts are to keep the roadway safe.

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