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NPD DUI Educational/Enforcement Campaign

Niles, IL - Officers from the Niles Police Department will be out on major holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's), St. Patrick's Day, Cinco De Mayo, Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July, and Labor Day weekend looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. In addition to enforcement, as Mayor Alpogianis points out we need to also encourage people to - "Choose your ride – Don't drink and drive" to keep our roads and residents safe in the Village of Niles.

DUI saturation patrols will take place in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests. In 2019, 106 drivers were arrested for DUI on Niles roads.

The Niles Police Department reminds drivers that "DUI doesn't just mean alcohol but includes narcotics". Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

The Niles Police Department encourages drivers to follow these tips to avoid a DUI:

- Always use a designated sober driver – a friend who is not drinking, ride-share, cab or public transportation – to get home.
- See someone who is clearly impaired try and drive? Take the keys and help them make other arrangements to find a sober way home.
- Report drunk drivers – Call 911.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to be upwards of \$10,000. This includes fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspension and other expenses not to mention possible jail time. Remember -"Choose your ride – Don't drink and drive".

In partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) the below pictured vehicle will promote the choice people have when they have been drinking. Niles residents can also expect to see the vehicle being promoted during various Village of Niles special events. The NPD has also partnered with Niles Chamber of Commerce to help spread the message of "Choose your ride. Don't drink and drive." to patrons of Niles bars and restaurants.

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