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### **Niles Police Department begins St. Patrick's Day crackdown on impaired drivers and seat belt law violators**

**Niles, IL** – The Niles Police Department announced today announced it will conduct special patrols this St. Patrick's Day to crack down on impaired drivers and encourage people to wear their seat belts. Celebrated throughout the country, St. Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to the number of drunk drivers on the road.

"We urge our community residents and visitors to enjoy St. Patrick's Day responsibly," said Sgt. Tony Scipione. "We'll be out in force to keep impaired drivers off the roads and help ensure that everyone makes it home safely."

Before the green beer starts flowing, remember to designate a sober driver. If you don't have a designated driver, call a cab, use a ride-sharing service, have a sober friend or family member pick you up.

Pedestrians are at risk, too. If you are walking, keep an eye out for cars. If you're a designated driver, be alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs and pedestrian signals.

The Illinois "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns are administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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