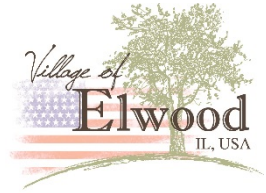


# Press Release- Elwood Police

2018 Labor Day Educational Release



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## **This Labor Day, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.* It's a matter of *Life or Death.***

Every day, law enforcement officers and emergency personnel respond to tragic motor vehicle crashes. During 2017 alone, 1,098 people were killed in vehicle crashes in Illinois – and one-third of those fatalities were caused by impaired driving.

These statistics hold steady year after year. Despite knowing that drunk driving is criminal and deadly behavior, and sometimes even in the face of multiple DUIs, people continue to make the potentially fatal choice to drink and drive.

This Labor Day weekend in Illinois and around the country, local law enforcement will be out in full force to support the 2018 *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* safety campaign. Law enforcement officers are teaming up to participate in high-visibility details, pulling over and arresting drunk drivers, and the ***Elwood Police Department*** is all in. It's a matter of Life or Death.

On Labor Day, and every day, we urge you to make the smart choice: Don't drink and drive. Before you go to a party, know how you'll get home. Designate a sober driver, take mass transit, call a cab or use your favorite ride-sharing service. Don't let friends or family members drive drunk. If you're the designated driver, make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It's the best defense against impaired drivers.

The *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* national enforcement campaign ends Sept. 4. However, our commitment to saving lives by getting impaired drivers off the streets never ends. Please join us in our efforts to keep Illinois roads safe. It's a simple decision: Life or Death?

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