

Press Release- Elwood Police

2019 Holiday Campaign



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Drive merry, **bright** and **sober** this holiday season

Elwood, Illinois — With holiday festivities rapidly approaching, the Elwood Police Department announced that it will participate in a national enforcement campaign to crack down on impaired and unbuckled drivers from Dec. 16 through Jan. 2.

“While parties are an enjoyable part of the holiday season, we urge our community members to keep the merriment off the road,” said Sergeant James Hartley III. “If your celebration will involve alcohol, please plan ahead for a sober ride home and remember to buckle up – it’s the best defense against an impaired driver.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Fatality Analysis Reporting System, 839 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver last December. Throughout the 2018 Christmas and New Year’s holidays alone, there were 285 drunk-driving-related fatalities – more than any other time that year.



Keep these tips in mind to help ensure a safe and joyful holiday season:

- Before you head to the party, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride sharing service to get home safely.
- Please use a Taxi, Uber or Lyft
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and call the Elwood Police Department at 815-423-5411.
- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take their keys and help them get home safely.
- Always buckle up!

The Illinois “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign is administered and funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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