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### ***Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Announces Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Crackdown Results***

(Winnebago County, IL) – (*Winnebago County Sheriff's Office*) made (5) drunk driving arrests during the recent Labor Day crackdown. In addition, (10) seat belt citations were written – (4) of which occurred during nighttime hours. Other citations and arrests included (*Driving While Suspended/Revoked-5; Uninsured Motorist-6; Speeding-8; Reckless Driving-2; Cell Phone Violations-4; and 32 other miscellaneous traffic citations.*) Deputies also made 4 felony arrests and located 1 fugitive on an outstanding warrant. In addition, 17 written warnings were issued for minor traffic/equipment violations.

"Law enforcement officers have one of the toughest jobs in the country. Day and night, 24/7, we work tirelessly to protect citizens, seeing our fair share of troubling and devastating scenes," said *Sheriff Gary Caruana*. "Drunk driving crashes are all too familiar."

Nationally in 2014, there were 9,967 people killed in drunk driving crashes, making up nearly one-third of all traffic fatalities that year. In fact, on average, more than 10,000 people died each year from 2010 to 2014 in drunk driving crashes.

"As traffic safety partners, we do our best to make sure drivers and road users are safe. Yet there's still so much for us to do. Help us spread the message: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*," he said.

*Winnebago County Sheriff's Office* joined forces with other law enforcement agencies and highway safety partners throughout the state in the Illinois Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown.

The crackdown, part of the statewide “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click It or Ticket” campaigns, was made possible by federal highway safety funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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