

<b>WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE</b>		<b>NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2017-017</b>
<b>INFORMATION: DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER (ST. PATRICK'S DAY CAMPAIGN)</b>		
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**THIS ST. PATRICK'S DAY, PLAN BEFORE YOU PARTY!  
REMEMBER: DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER**

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IL – AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST POPULAR HOLIDAYS, ST. PATRICK'S DAY HAS LONG CELEBRATED THE ROOTS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WITH IRISH ANCESTRY. BUT ALL-TOO-OFTEN, THE CELEBRATION CAN TURN DEADLY BECAUSE OF IMPAIRED DRIVING. THIS YEAR, IF YOU'LL BE DRINKING ALCOHOL, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS SOME ADVICE FOR YOU: "DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER!"**

**THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE ON PATROL THIS ST. PATRICK'S DAY, SO MAKE SURE YOU OBEY THE LAW. DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE, AND DON'T LET YOUR FRIENDS DO IT, EITHER. HELP US MAKE ZERO FATALITIES A REALITY IN ILLINOIS.**

**IN ADDITION TO LOOKING FOR ALCOHOL- AND DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVERS, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE STEPPING UP SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT, PARTICULARLY AT NIGHT WHEN SEAT BELT USAGE RATES ARE LOWEST.**

**BEFORE CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY THIS YEAR, DECIDE WHETHER YOU'LL DRINK OR YOU'LL DRIVE. IF YOU CHOOSE TO DRINK, DESIGNATE A SOBER, RELIABLE DRIVER TO GET YOU HOME SAFELY FROM THE PARTY. IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON DRIVING, DON'T DRINK. THE LAST THING YOU WANT IS TO RIDE HOME WITH A COP."**

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