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## **Wood Dale Police Begins Late-Night Enforcement Crackdown For Labor Day Festivities**

Wood Dale, Illinois – Wood Dale Police Department announced today it will conduct special patrols to crack down on impaired drivers during Labor Day Festivities.

“We are reminding everyone that if you drink and drive in Wood Dale this weekend, **YOU LOSE!**” said Sgt. Paul Wyse. “If you plan on drinking alcohol, pass your keys to a sober, designated driver before the party begins. Follow the rules or law enforcement will penalize you for driving impaired. Be responsible or risk a DUI”.

The Wood Dale Police would like to remind you of several safety tips:

### **If you are hosting a Labor Day Party :**

- Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in an impaired driving crash;
- Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with other sober drivers;
- Serve lots of food, and include lots of non alcoholic beverages at the party;
- Keep the numbers for local cab companies handy, and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving impaired.

### **If you are attending a Labor Day Party:**

- Designate a sober driver before going out.
- If you are impaired; use public transportation, call a friend or family member.
- **Always buckle up and be sure your passengers are buckled up. It’s your best defense against an impaired driver.**
- Don’t let friends or family drive impaired.
- Spend the night where the party is being held and sleep it off.

“Driving impaired is a deadly decision, and it is against the law. We will show zero tolerance,” said Sgt. Wyse. “So remember to designate your sober driver before the parties begin – or You Drink & Drive. You Lose.” A \$ 5.00-\$ 20.00 taxi will be less expensive than an Attorney and court costs. Your choice, make the right one!

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through IDOT’s Division of Traffic Safety and is coupled with a media campaign that will remind motorists: “You Drink & Drive. You Lose.” **Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.** For further information about **the “YOU DRINK & DRIVE. YOU LOSE”** Campaign; contact Sergeant Paul Wyse at the Wood Dale Police Department at 630-787-3866 or 630-766-2060.