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DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER CAMPAIGN 2019

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Western Springs, IL, June 28, 2019, Chief Brian Budds would like to announce that the Western Springs Police Department will participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign during the week of June 29-July 8, 2019. The Western Springs Police Department will be increasing public education and enforcement efforts regarding drunk or impaired driving during this week of increased enforcement.

The Fourth of July is celebrated by friends and families nationwide. It's a time for Americans to fire up the barbecue, hoist the flag, and grab a seat for that spectacular fireworks display. However, before you head out for the celebrations, make sure you plan for a sober way home. Law enforcement in Western Springs is taking part in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign during the Fourth of July holiday period.

According to National Highway Transportation and Safety Administrations (NHTSA) during the 2017 Fourth of July holiday period (6 p.m. June 30 to 5:59 a.m. July 5), 237 people were killed in crashes involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. These deaths accounted for 39 percent of the total motor vehicle traffic crashes that occurred over the holiday period. The deaths also represent a 23-percent increase from 2016, during which 192 people were killed during the same holiday period. That's 237 families who will forever remember Independence Day with a heavy heart and nightmarish memories.

Celebrate with a Plan

This Fourth of July, **Western Springs Police** and National Highway Transportation and Safety Administrations (NHTSA) urge drivers to designate a sober driver before heading out for the evening. If you plan on drinking, plan on not driving.

Remember these tips for a safe night on the roads:

- Give your designated driver your keys before you go out.
- If you are drunk or impaired by marijuana or other drugs, call a taxi, take mass transit, use your favorite ride-sharing services, or call a sober friend or family member.
- Promptly report drunk drivers to law enforcement.
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears his or her seat belt, it is your best defense against an impaired driver.

This Fourth of July, commit to only driving 100-percent sober. Don't lose your independence on Independence Day, and don't be a deadly risk to yourself and other innocent people. Remember: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*. For more information on impaired driving, visit www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov.

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