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Woodridge Police Department Showed Zero Tolerance for Impaired Drivers This Holiday Season

As most of us were opening gifts, spending time with family and friends and enjoying the holidays, the Village of Woodridge law enforcement officers were on the streets cracking down on impaired drivers to make our roadways safer.

The “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign is a program with increased police patrols during the special enforcement period of December 17, 2012 through January 1, 2013. During the late night hours of midnight to 6 a.m., additional patrols are deployed to monitor for impaired drivers.

The enforcement blitz is designed to decrease impaired driving fatalities here and nationwide. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 32,885 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes during 2010. Thirty-one percent (10,228) of those fatalities occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.

Nationally in December 2010, there were 2,597 people who lost their lives in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Thirty percent (775) of those fatalities occurred in alcohol-impaired driving crashes.

Driving impaired is illegal in all 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Violators face jail time, loss of their driver licenses, and steep financial consequences such as higher insurance rates, attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential job loss.

For more information, visit the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Campaign Headquarters at www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober . Also, see www.drivesoberillinois.org for information on the State of Illinois program.