



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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*Holiday cheers, not tears:  
'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' 'Drive High, get a DUI'*

Bloomington, IL - With the holiday season just around the corner, the Bloomington Police Department has joined forces with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High, Get a DUI" enforcement campaign to ensure that festive gatherings don't end in tragedy. From Dec. 13 through Jan. 2, law enforcement agencies across Illinois will adopt a zero-tolerance policy for impaired driving to keep our roads safe.

"Our community members report to us on a weekly basis that traffic safety needs to improve. Traffic safety will be a focal point this holiday season as we aim to hold reckless and speeding drivers, as well as those who choose to drive while under the influence, accountable through enforcement," said Chief Jamal Simington. "Every motorist deserves to have an enjoyable and safe holiday season, and I urge everyone to do their part to contribute to that."

The Bloomington Police Department urges everyone to take the following simple steps to prevent impaired driving:

- **Plan ahead:** Designate a sober driver, use public transportation or arrange for a ride-sharing service.
- **Report dangers:** If you spot an impaired driver, contact the police.
- **Be a hero:** Stop a friend from driving impaired by taking their keys and helping them get home safely.
- **Buckle up:** It's your best defense against impaired drivers.

Make this holiday season memorable for all the right reasons. Celebrate responsibly and help ensure everyone gets home safely.

This campaign is made possible through federal highway safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration administered by IDOT.



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The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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