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**Before you hit the road this Thanksgiving,
Buckle up and designate a sober driver**

(Yorkville, IL) – As Illinoisans gear up for one of the busiest travel times of the year, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office announces its plans for a traffic safety campaign focusing on impaired and unbuckled drivers.

“The increase in the number of people driving to visit family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday traditionally results in an increased risk for accidents,” said Sheriff Dwight Baird. “We want to remind everyone of the importance in making sure all occupants of vehicles are wearing properly fastened seatbelts--children under 8 are in safety or booster seats. Also, plan ahead for a sober ride home, don't drink and drive.”

According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, 15 motor vehicle crash fatalities occurred in Illinois over the 2018 Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Five of the 15 deaths occurred in crashes involving at least one driver who had been drinking.

The Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement across Illinois for the increased statewide effort. The high-visibility crackdown will run from Nov. 22 through the holiday weekend into the early morning hours of Dec. 2.

The "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaigns are funded by federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT. The crackdown runs concurrently with a media campaign reminding motorists that impaired driving has "Life or Death" consequences. Visit LifeOrDeathIllinois.com for more information.

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