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Don't make a prisoner jumpsuit more than a Halloween costume this year!

Drive sober and buckle up for a safe celebration

(Yorkville, IL) – The Kendall County Sheriff's Office announces it will conduct special patrols in the weeks leading up to and just after Halloween from October 19th through November 3rd, 2019 to arrest impaired drivers and to encourage use of seat belts.

"The Kendall County Sheriff's Office is urging you to plan ahead for all of your Halloween parties and other festivities," said **Sheriff Dwight Baird**. "Don't ever drive under the influence of alcohol or any drugs. Your choices could impact more than just yourself this season. One poor lapse in judgement could impact many others for a lifetime."

If you're hosting a Halloween party:

- Remember, you can be held liable if someone you serve is involved in an impaired driving crash.
- Make sure your guests designate a sober driver in advance or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers.
- Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Download a ride-sharing app on your phone to help partygoers, and keep phone numbers for local cab companies handy.
- Take keys away from anyone who is trying to drive impaired.

If you're going out for a Halloween party:

- Designate a sober driver ahead of time, and give that person your keys.
- If you don't have a designated driver, call a cab, use ride-sharing, have a sober friend or family member pick you up, or stay where you are and sleep it off.
- Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they're about to drive impaired.
- Buckle up – it's your best defense in a crash.

Pedestrians are at risk, too. If you are walking, keep an eye out for cars. Designated drivers should remain alert for impaired walkers who may not obey street signs and pedestrian signals.

The Halloween enforcement campaign is part of the Illinois "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" programs supported through federal funds administered by IDOT.

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