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The Stickney Police Department begins the Fourth of July traffic safety campaign.

Stickney, Illinois – **Stickney Police Department** announced plans for July Fourth traffic enforcement with a focus on impaired and unbuckled drivers. The safety campaign will run from 0600 hours June 19 through 0600 hours July 6 to encompass three summer weekends leading up to and after Independence Day.

“We’re asking all of our residents and visitors to celebrate Independence Day safely,” **said Deputy Chief Cruz Ortiz Jr.** “It’s simple: If you’re driving, don’t drink or use cannabis or other impairing substances. Our officers will be working diligently to keep impaired drivers off the road and ensure everyone is buckled up. To celebrate safely, designate a sober driver and don’t let friends or family members drive impaired.

The **Stickney Police Department** will join the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local police and sheriff departments for the statewide effort. Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with BACs at or above .08 g/dL).



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Although it's illegal to drive when impaired by alcohol, in 2024 one person was killed every 44 minutes in a drunk-driving crash on our nation's roads. Males are more likely than females to be driving drunk when involved in fatal crashes — in 2024, 22% of males were drunk, compared to 16% of females.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns are made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The enforcement efforts are complemented by IDOT's "It's Not a Game" media campaign, which emphasizes the serious consequences of impaired driving and other unsafe driving behaviors.