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Joliet Police Department Participate in Alcohol Enforcement Campaign - In partnership with IDOT

Joliet Police Chief Fred Hayes announced today that the Joliet Police Department, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), will be conducting a series of roadside safety checkpoints during the month of August. These checkpoints will be conducted between 10:00 p.m. and 3:45 a.m. at various locations throughout the city.

According to data from IDOT and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the midnight to 3:00 a.m. timeframe is the deadliest time on Illinois roads. The data also shows this time of day has the highest percentage of alcohol involvement and the lowest occupant restraint use.

Chief Hayes recommends designating a sober driver and not letting friends and family drive impaired as just two of several simple steps to avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving.

Other important tips include:

- Plan ahead. Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys.
- If you are impaired, call a taxi or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.
- Promptly report impaired drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement.
- Always wear your seatbelt – it's your best defense against an impaired driver.

These roadside safety checkpoints are being funded through an IDOT Holiday Mobilization Grant.

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to over 152,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit www.visitjoliet.org or call 815.724.4000.

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