

Holiday Boozers Beware: The Alton Police are Cracking Down on Drunk Drivers

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From December 20 through January 5 of the New Year, the Alton police will be out in force as part of the annual Illinois “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” crackdown on drunk drivers. The statewide crackdown will include high-visibility alcohol and belt enforcement throughout the Alton area.

The statewide crackdown will also be supported by national and state paid advertising, creating a comprehensive campaign to curb drunk driving during the holiday season.



**DRIVE SOBER OR
GET PULLED OVER**



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OR TICKET**

Alton Police Department Chief of Police, Jason Simmons, said officers will be aggressively looking for drunk drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone caught driving drunk. In addition, front and back seat belt law violators will be ticketed.

The Alton Police is giving fair warning to all partygoers. “You’ll see us making lots of stops during this highly visible enforcement period and if we suspect anyone is driving while intoxicated, officers will show zero tolerance for drunk driving,” said Alton Police Traffic Sergeant, Mike Gordon.

Data shows the holiday season is a particularly deadly time due to the increased number of drunk drivers on the roads, and The Alton Police Department is prepared to stop and arrest any drunk driver they see to keep roads safe.

“The December holiday season is the ‘most wonderful time of the year,’ and we are going to keep our roads safe for travelers heading to visit friends and family,” said Alton Police Department Public Information Officer, Emily Hejna. “This holiday, we will show zero tolerance for drunk drivers on the road. If you choose to drive drunk, we will see you, we will stop you and you will be arrested.”

Chief Simmons noted that being arrested for driving drunk brings a wide range of negative consequences into one’s life. Drunk drivers face jail time, loss of their driver licenses, and steep financial consequences such as higher insurance rates, attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential loss of job. When family, friends and co-workers find out, violators also often face tremendous personal embarrassment.

“Driving drunk is simply not worth the risk. So don’t take the chance. Remember, we will be out in force and we will be watching, so ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,’” said Chief Simmons.

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation.