



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Drive Merry, Bright and Sober This Holiday Season*

Bloomington, IL - The holidays are a time for caring and sharing, which is why the Bloomington Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation to spread the word about the dangers of impaired driving with a "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High. Get a DUI." enforcement campaign. From Dec. 15 through Jan. 2, law enforcement across Illinois will show zero tolerance for alcohol and drug impaired driving to keep our roads safe and help ensure a happy holiday season.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, in the United States in 2021, a total of 13,384 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving an alcohol-impaired driver. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes each year from 2017 to 2021, with one person killed in a drunk-driving crash approximately every 45 minutes. These fatalities are preventable. Drivers must remember that driving impaired by alcohol, cannabis or any other substance is potentially deadly and illegal behavior.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "Let's work together as users of the highway system to ensure safety. By embracing safe driving practices, all of us can make this holiday season memorable, merry, and accident-free. The men and women of the Bloomington Police Department wish you and yours a joyous and wonderful holiday season."

The Bloomington Police Department recommends these safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

- Designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride-sharing service.

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- If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and contact your local police department. If you are in Bloomington, 309-820-8888.
- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take their keys and make arrangements to get them home safely. They'll thank you later.
- Remember to buckle up and stop driving distracted!

The holiday enforcement campaign is administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email [CIAU@cityblm.org](mailto:CIAU@cityblm.org). You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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