



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *The Bloomington Police Department Arrested Impaired Drivers*

### *During Holiday Enforcement Campaign*

Bloomington, IL - The Bloomington Police Department partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement across the state for the holiday "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" impaired-driving enforcement campaign. From Dec. 15 through Jan. 2, the BPD showed zero tolerance for impaired driving, arresting 13 offenders for the deadly crime. There was a total of 2 criminal arrests, 3 DUI arrests, and 82 citations issued by officers working this campaign. The citations issued were for the following offenses:

Seat belt - 6

DUI - 3

Speeding - 28

Distracted driving - 1

License violations - 6

Other - 38

*"Impaired driving is a danger to everyone. We were fortunate to not suffer any fatalities on the city's roadways this holiday season, but significant property damage occurred and alcohol was a factor," said Chief Jamal Simington. "We are taking steps to increase the safety of our roadways as we aim for a five percent reduction in traffic crashes in 2024. The 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign is one step we have taken to address issues. If you're under the influence, don't get behind the wheel."*

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The Bloomington Police Department ramped up its usual enforcement efforts, adding 18 additional units to focus on traffic enforcement.

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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