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**Springfield Police Department announces special
Holiday Traffic Enforcement**

The Springfield Police Department has announced stepped up Holiday Traffic Enforcement for the 2011 Holiday season. Springfield Officers will be concentrating on Driving under the Influence (DUI) and occupant restraint violations.

Springfield Police join law enforcement agencies throughout the state who are participating in this nationwide effort to get impaired drivers off Illinois roadways during the 2011 Holiday season.

Extra emphasis will be given to late-night hours, as statistics show the highest number of motorists drink and drive and the fewest motorists buckle up during this time period.

The crackdown is being funded by federal traffic safety grants through the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Division of Traffic Safety and is part of the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click it or Ticket" campaigns.

Statewide data show that during 2010's Christmas Holiday (6 pm 12/23/10- 11:59 pm 12/26/10), 9 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes with 1 fatality involving a drinking driver. 515 people were injured during that same period.

During the New Year's Holiday (6 pm 12/30/10- 11:59 pm 01/02/11), 6 people were killed in crashes in Illinois with 2 of those involving a drinking driver.

The Springfield Police Department hopes everyone has a safe and sober holiday while driving on our roadways.