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Trick or Treat? Drink-or-Drive.: ROSELLE POLICE ARE CRACKING DOWN ON DRUNK DRIVERS *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*

This Halloween, Roselle police will crack down on impaired drivers with an aggressive *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement effort, and the Roselle Police Department has given a fair warning to all partygoers: keep the party off the road.

“We want people to remember: like ‘Trick-or-Treat;’ ‘Drink-or-Drive.’ One or the other, but never both,” said Sergeant John Lawson. Before you take your first sip of alcohol on October 31, figure out who your designated sober driver will be. If you wait until you’re ‘buzzed’ to make a decision, you may decide to drive. Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving, which means that driving “buzzed” brings very serious consequences.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Halloween is statistically a dangerous night for drunk driving. In 2012, almost half (48%) of all fatal crashes that night involved a drunk driver.

To keep safe this Halloween, the Roselle Police Department recommends these tips:

- Before the Halloween festivities begin, plan a way to safely get home at the end of the night.
- Always designate a sober driver.
- If you are impaired, take a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, use public transportation or sleep it off at the party location.
- Walking impaired can be just as dangerous as drunk driving. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride after drinking, take their keys and help them make safe travel arrangements to where they are going.

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

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