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This Super Bowl weekend, be a real MVP: Keep friends from driving drunk

Bloomington, IL - Super Bowl weekend is here, and the Bloomington Police Department is reminding football fans and Super Bowl partygoers that designated drivers are the best defense against the dangers of impaired driving. If your Super Bowl celebration involves alcohol or cannabis, plan for a safe ride home with a sober driver. If you're hosting the party, take care of the designated drivers. Fans don't let fans drive drunk.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "The Bloomington Police Department will be actively monitoring the highways for impaired drivers. We are committed to keeping our streets safe and ensuring intoxicated drivers are held accountable. With the increase of alcohol consumption on Super Bowl Sunday, please enjoy safely and responsibly during this festive occasion."

Whether you're attending a party, hosting a small gathering, or going out to a bar, keep safety at the forefront of your day and night. When it's time to leave, make sure your designated driver is sober. Remember that walking impaired can also be dangerous, so designate a sober friend to walk home with you. Also, sober driving isn't the only law that should be followed. No matter where you are seated in a vehicle, you must wear a seat belt. Distracted driving and speeding will get you a citation.

If you're heading out for a night of Super Bowl fun, make a game plan and follow these simple tips for a safe and happy evening:

- Drunk or high, it doesn't matter. It is never okay to drive impaired. Designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement.
- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take the keys away and plan to get your friend home safely.
- Always buckle up!



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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. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPD TIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. 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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