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Jesse White Reminds Drivers to Be Safe Over Labor Day Weekend — Don't Drink & Drive
Secretary of State Police enhancing DUI enforcement efforts statewide over the holiday weekend

Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding people to travel safely during this Labor Day holiday weekend and to not drink and drive. Published reports are forecasting that this Labor Day weekend will be the heaviest traveled in five years.

“Labor Day is a day that we as a nation come together to honor the working men and women whose effort and dedication continues to help make this country the greatest in the world,” said White. “The Labor Day holiday weekend also marks the unofficial end of summer and beginning of the school year, and I encourage everyone to remember to celebrate this holiday safely and responsibly. Enjoy the weekend, but don’t drink and drive. Call a cab, use public transportation or designate a sober driver.”

From August 16 through September 2, White’s Secretary of State Police is joining IDOT, the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies to conduct DUI patrols during the holiday weekend in a joint statewide effort being called, “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.”

According to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT):

- During the 2011 Labor Day weekend, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, there were nine crash fatalities statewide, three of which were alcohol-related, which is 33 percent of the total motor vehicle fatalities.
- During the 2010 Labor Day weekend, there were 11 crash fatalities, one of which was alcohol-related, which is approximately 9 percent of the total motor vehicle fatalities.
- During the 2009 Labor Day weekend, there were five crash fatalities, two of which were alcohol-related, which is 40 percent of the total motor vehicle fatalities.

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