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**Jesse White Wants Drivers to Be Safe and Sober  
This Labor Day Weekend**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White encouraged people to be responsible drivers this Labor Day weekend by not drinking and driving. Over the past few years, Illinois Department of Transportation data has shown that alcohol is a common factor in many of the holiday weekend crashes.

“Labor Day weekend is a time for celebration and getting together with family and friends,” White said. “We must all do our part to protect the ones we care about and our fellow community members by choosing not to drive while drinking.”

- In 2009, 40 percent of the deaths from Labor Day weekend crashes were alcohol-related.
- In 2008, 58 percent of the deaths from Labor Day weekend crashes were alcohol-related.
- In 2007, 41 percent of the deaths from Labor Day weekend crashes were alcohol-related.

Secretary of State Police will be participating in DUI and seatbelt patrols during the holiday season, White said.

White reminded drivers that the safety belt and sobriety is the best defense against a drunk driver.

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