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Jesse White Encourages Drivers to Be Safe This Labor Day
Designate a Sober Driver

Secretary of State Jesse White is encouraging people to be safe and responsible drivers this Labor Day weekend by not drinking and driving.

“Illinois drivers have made a substantial improvement the past three years during Labor Day weekend in regards to safe driving,” White said. “Alcohol-related fatalities have decreased by almost 50 percent over that span and my hope is that our drivers continue that trend until there are no deaths on our roads.”

- In 2010, **9 percent** of Labor Day weekend fatal crashes were alcohol-related.
- In 2009, **40 percent** of Labor Day weekend fatal crashes were alcohol-related.
- In 2008, **58 percent** of Labor Day weekend fatal crashes were alcohol-related.

“If you are drinking, stay where you are or designate a sober driver,” White said.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, one alcohol-impaired driving fatality occurs every 48 minutes.

Secretary of State Police will be participating in DUI and seatbelt patrols during the holiday weekend, White said. The Secretary continues to remind drivers that the safety belt is the best defense against a drunk driver.

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