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**JOLIET POLICE CONDUCT IMPAIRED DRIVING
ENFORCEMENT DURING THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY**

June 26th through July 9th

The Joliet Police Department, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation, will participate in a statewide effort to reduce impaired drivers on our streets. Special enforcement efforts will include a roadside safety checkpoint as well as citywide traffic saturation patrols and seatbelt zones.

“Summer is here, and so is the summer travel season. Often this means more vehicles traveling on our roads and frequently, more traffic crashes. Independence Day weekend can be one of the more dangerous travel times of the year” said Chief Brian Benton. “Too many people die each year due to those who choose to get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol, so our officers will be out in full force this Independence Day showing zero tolerance for drunk drivers and seat belt law violators.”

Officers assigned to these details will be checking for impaired drivers, occupant/child restraint violations, cell phone violations, as well as other violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

This enforcement campaign is possible through a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation and will help to increase enforcement efforts during the Independence Holiday.

The City of Joliet is the third largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago’s Loop. Home to 149,386 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit www.visitjoliet.org or call 815.724.4000.

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