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**Quincy, Illinois** – The Quincy Police Department, alongside the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies across the state completed a successful *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign that coincided with the December holidays.

“It should come as no surprise to any driver that drunk driving is illegal and punishable by arrest and significant fines,” said Deputy Chief Doug VanderMaiden. “The actions of those who choose to drive impaired are selfish. Hopefully, these offenders now realize their actions have serious and potentially fatal consequences, and we hope they will never put themselves or others at risk by driving impaired again.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 37,461 people died in 2016 motor vehicle traffic crashes, and 28 percent (10,497) died in crashes in which at least one driver had a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) at or above the 0.08 limit.

During the crackdown, the Quincy Police Department issued the following:

- **12 seatbelt citations**
- **1 child car seat citation**
- **1 driving while license revoked citation**
- **1 driving while license suspended citation**
- **1 expired registration citation**
- **6 no insurance citations**
- **1 no rear registration plate light citation**
- **40 no seatbelt citations**
- **1 no valid registration citations**
- **12 warning tickets**

The *Drive Sober Get Pulled Over* enforcement effort was made possible with federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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