Don’t rely on the Luck of the Irish; Designate a Sober Driver!

HOW DRINKING IMPACTS DRIVING:

- BAC level of .02: Decline in visual functions and a decline in the ability to do two things at once.
- BAC level of .05: Reduced coordination, ability to steer, response rate and ability to track moving objects.
- BAC level of .08: Impaired perception, speed control, short-term memory loss, and reduced capacity to process information.
- BAC level of .10: Reduced ability to stay in the right lane and brake when necessary.

PREVENTING IT:

- Before you start drinking, designate a non-drinking driver for your trip home.
- Hold your friends accountable. Take away their keys if they’ve been drinking.
- If you’ve been drinking, call a cab or get a sober friend to drive you home.
- If you’ll be drinking at a friend or family member’s home, ask if you can spend the night.
- Drink non-alcoholic beverages.

FACTS:

- 1 in 3 accidents involve an alcohol-impaired driver.
- Between midnight and 3 a.m., drunk driving crashes kill someone every 23 minutes.
- An average drunk driver has driven drunk 80 times before the first arrest.

HOW TO SPOT A DRUNK DRIVER:

- Quick acceleration or deceleration.
- Swerving, weaving or zig-zagging across the road.
- Stopping or turning abruptly or illegally.
- Almost hitting something like a curb or another vehicle.
- Driving in and out of lanes or straddling the center line.
- Driving slower than 10 mph below the speed limit.
- Driving with headlights off at night.
- Driving on the wrong side of the road or anywhere that’s not the road.

IF YOU SEE A DRUNK DRIVER:

1. Don’t drive near the other car; instead, stay as far away as possible.
2. Don’t try to pass the other car or signal to the driver to pull over. It could result in a crash.
3. Take down the car’s license plate number, vehicle’s make, model and color—but don’t compromise your safety to get this information.
4. Pull over and call 911. Provide the information above, along with the vehicle’s location, which direction the driver was going, and how the driver was acting.

Stay Safe!

Officer’s Signature:

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