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St. Croix County Sheriff's Office to crack down on drunken motorists during the 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign

To save lives and prevent injuries, St. Croix County Sheriff deputies will join other law enforcement officers throughout Wisconsin participating in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" national campaign from Dec. 18, 2015 to Jan. 3, 2016.

"Although drunken driving is 100 percent preventable, on average someone is killed or injured in an alcohol-related crash in Wisconsin every three hours," says St. Croix County Sheriff John Shilts. "And while celebrating the holidays, people may be tempted to drive when they are impaired. During the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, my deputies will be out to arrest drunken drivers before they kill or injure themselves or an innocent victim. The goal is not to arrest more drunken drivers; the goal is to discourage drunken driving."

Last year, there were 162 fatalities in alcohol-related crashes. Rather than risk a drunken driving arrest or crash, Sheriff Shilts urges you to follow these common sense suggestions:

- Choose a sober designated driver before you start drinking.
- If you're feeling buzzed, you likely are over the 0.08 BAC limit and should not drive.
- Take a taxicab or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- The Zero In Wisconsin traffic safety program has a free "Drive Sober" mobile app that can be downloaded by visiting zeroinwisconsin.gov
- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons with a safe ride home. Visit www.tlw.org/ and click on Safe Ride.

Report impaired drivers to law enforcement by calling 911.