



Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
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River Falls Police Department to crackdown on drunken motorists during 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' national campaign.

The River Falls Police Department will be out in force along with other law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin and the rest of the nation for the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown on drunken drivers from August 19 to September 5, 2011.

Drunken driving continues to be one of the most destructive and deadly crimes in Wisconsin. Last year, 220 people were killed and more than 3,500 injured in nearly 5,800 alcohol-related traffic crashes.

There were more than 40,000 convictions for drunken driving in Wisconsin last year, so law enforcement agencies are certainly finding and arresting impaired motorists. But too many people still make the irresponsible and dangerous decision to get behind the wheel while impaired.

Under a state law enacted last year, first-offense operating while intoxicated (OWI) drivers who were convicted with a blood/breath alcohol level of .15 or higher and all repeat drunken drivers are required to have an ignition interlock device on every vehicle they own, have registered in their name, or drive. Ignition interlock devices ensure drivers are sober before they can start their vehicle. The law also makes first offense OWI a criminal offense if there is a passenger under age 16 in the vehicle.