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Extra DWI enforcement and overall safety stressed by LPPD for upcoming Labor Day weekend



As school is back in session, and fall approaches, the Labor Day holiday weekend becomes one of fun times, family gatherings, and joyous celebrations. With good food, relaxing music, and a short break from our busy schedules, we collectively enjoy one of our country's official holidays. Therefore, to get the most out of the extended weekend, the La Porte Police Department is asking for the entire community's help in making sure each of us carry out safe celebrations.

As many people will be taking a break from their regular work schedule, residents are reminded of the added fact that there will be extra vehicles and pedestrians along the roadways. Therefore, the police department encourages motorists to make sure your car is in safe driving condition, watch your speed of travel, and avoid allowing alcohol to interfere with driving responsibilities. Equally important, if you are attending a celebration where alcohol will be served, please select a designated driver before attending the event.

Looking at all avenues to educate our citizens, LPPD partnered with the Houston Police Department and Texas Pictures, to produce a documentary concerning the offense of Driving While Intoxicated to help the city reduce their DWI statistics. The state of Texas, specifically Harris County, leads the nation in DWI fatalities. One unique element of the film is that we created the movie with a crew of volunteer high school students from all over the Houston area. We encourage you to make time and view this documentary before partaking in the coming day's celebrations.

As an additional reminder, La Porte officers will be out in force for the entire three-day weekend, with several units explicitly targeting intoxicated drivers. These overtime DWI and Traffic Enforcement units are paid through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grants.



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LPPD partnered with the Houston Galveston Area Council's (HGAC) multi-county DWI initiative to remove drunk drivers from our roadways.

The goal of the La Porte Police Department is to have a zero-accident weekend and, with the help of all community members, the department believes the goal can be achieved. Please do your part to ensure area safety, both along our roadways and among residential areas. Take care of your friends, your family and yourself. For more information regarding holiday safety, please contact the agency at 281-471-2141.

The 10,000 Lives documentary may be viewed on YouTube at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPEGfCfsyJE>