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



This weekend, most citizens will enjoy various Thanksgiving festivities. With good food, family-time, and a short break from our busy schedules, we collectively enjoy one of our country's most celebrated 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.

Considering many people will be taking a break from their normal 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 vehicle is in safe driving condition, watch your speed of travel, and avoid drinking and then driving. To this end, if you are attending a celebration where alcohol will be served, please select a designated driver before attending the event.

As an additional reminder, extra LPPD officers will be deployed each night throughout the extended holiday weekend, focusing specifically on locating potentially impaired drivers. The added officers will be on over-time assignment, paid for via the department's Specific Traffic Enforcement (STEP) Grant. Additionally, the officers will be strictly following the department's "no refusal" protocol by obtaining blood warrants whenever a suspected drunk driver refuses to provide a breath sample.

The goal for La Porte Police is to have a zero-accident weekend and to see that all citizens are able to safely enjoy the holiday. Please do your part to ensure area safety, both along our roadways and among residential areas. For more information regarding holiday safety, please contact the agency at 281-471-2141.