



**The Berwyn Police Department has been awarded a Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety. The following information is from the Illinois Department of Transportation:**

**Impaired driving is a deadly crime still prevalent throughout America, and especially among young males age 21 to 34.**

**During the holiday season, many adults celebrate and enjoy themselves with a couple of drinks, but even one too many increases the risk of a motor vehicle crash while driving a motor vehicle.**

**To crackdown on impaired driving and safety belt law violators this holiday season, law enforcement in Illinois is placing special emphasis on these dangerous driving practices, especially during the late-night hours.**

**Data shows a very disproportionate number of fatal traffic crashes on Illinois roadways occur late at night- a very high percentage of these fatalities involve alcohol and motorists who have failed to buckle up.**

#### **National Statistics:**

**All 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have established a threshold making it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 or higher.**

**Yet in 2009, 10,839 people were killed in U.S. highway crashes involving a driver with an illegal BAC of 0.08 or higher, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics.**

**Illinois Christmas Statistics:**

**Data shows during last year's Christmas Holiday (6 p.m. on 12/23/2010 – 11:59 p.m. on 12/26/2010), 9 people lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes and 1 of those fatalities involved a drinking driver.**

**515 people were injured during the Christmas Holiday last year.**

**Illinois New Year's Holiday Statistics:**

**Data shows during last year's New Year's holiday (6 p.m. on 12/30/2010 – 11:59 p.m. on 1/2/2011), 6 people lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes and 2 of those fatalities involved a drinking driver.**

**331 people were injured during the New Year's holiday last year.**

**The Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is the Illinois Department of Transportation's campaign to increase traffic safety. By participating in this grant, our Department's goal is to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes, and most importantly, accidents that result in injuries and fatalities. This will be accomplished through highly visible enforcement of occupant restraint and impaired driving laws during the national and state mobilizations. The goal of the Berwyn Police Department is to make the roads safer for the people driving on Labor Day weekend.**

**In order to achieve our goal, this Department will increase the number of occupant safety citations issued and aggressively target impaired drivers.**