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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Sheriff Greg Champagne is joining other local law enforcement agencies in participating in the nationwide **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over** campaign which will run from August 18 through September 4, 2023. The campaign is coordinated and funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC).

Drinking and driving in Louisiana remains a major cause of vehicle crashes, serious injuries, and fatalities. According to NHTSA, 13,384 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2021 — that's one person every 39 minutes. On average, more than 11,000 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes each year from 2017 to 2021. Drunk driving is not only illegal; it's a matter of life and death.

"By joining this nationwide effort, we hope to make the streets of St. Charles Parish safer for everyone", said Sheriff Champagne. The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office will have increased officers on the road, aimed to reduce drunk driving.

As you head out to festivities during the end of summer and Labor Day weekend, remember: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*.

