



City of La Porte

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Police Department

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**Increased DWI enforcement continues through
Labor Day holiday**



The La Porte Police Department will continue increased traffic enforcement efforts thanks to ongoing assistance from a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) grant (a TxDOT S.T.E.P. (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) campaign). The targeted enforcement dates for the Labor Day holiday are August 16 through September 2, 2019.

Under this grant, additional LPPD officers will be deployed for each of the dates on an overtime basis, to watch for impaired drivers operating on local roadways. Anyone operating a vehicle and found to be intoxicated will be arrested. Suspected intoxicated drivers who refuse to provide a breath test will be the subject of a search warrant and will have their blood drawn for blood alcohol level testing.

Nearly 10,000 lives are lost every year in alcohol-related crashes. Unfortunately, Harris County leads the nation in alcohol-related fatality crashes. All of TxDOT's S.T.E.P. campaigns are designed to reduce both motor vehicle accidents and the residual effects incurred by motorists. The programs have consistently proven to reduce injuries, fatalities, and property damage along major thoroughfares and around high-collision/high-density intersections. Residents are reminded to drive safely and can take comfort in knowing additional traffic enforcement officers are monitoring local roadways to increase safety.

For more information on the La Porte Police Department's involvement in the state's various S.T.E.P. programs, contact the agency at 281-842-3165.