

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Beloit Police Officers Participating in
Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force**

Jan. 3, 2020 - Officers from the Beloit Police Department will be participating in the Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force on the following dates during January:

- Saturday, January 4
- Saturday, January 11
- Friday, January 17
- Saturday, January 25

During this additional enforcement, the Beloit Police Department will have more officers on patrol to discourage people from driving while impaired. The Beloit Police Department will have zero tolerance for driving under the influence, open intoxicants, seatbelt violations and improper use of child safety restraints.

“Our goal is send the message that driving under the influence puts the lives and safety of others at risk,” said Sgt. Christian Dalton. “We hope this enforcement will help reduce the number of people who choose to drive while impaired.”

Driving under the influence includes the use of alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription medication. The Beloit Police Department suggests all motorists take steps to protect themselves and others:

- Ensure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up - every day, every trip. Watch your speed, be patient and alert.
- If you plan to use any alcohol, drugs or prescription medication that will impair your driving, choose a sober designated driver.
- If you’re feeling buzzed, you likely are over the 0.08 BAC limit and should not drive. Take public transit, a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- The Wisconsin DOT offers a free [Drive Sober mobile app](#) that includes a blood alcohol estimator, designated driver selector, and find-a-ride feature that uses a smart phone’s GPS to locate alternative transportation.
- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons with a safe ride home. Visit www.tlw.org/ and click on Safe Ride.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement by calling 911. Provide as much detail as possible on the driver, vehicle, and location.

The Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force includes the Rock County Sheriff’s Department and the Janesville, Town of Beloit, Orfordville and City of Beloit police departments. Funding for the special enforcement periods is provided via a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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