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Beginning Sunday, 09 March 2008, a number of St. Patrick's Day celebrations and parades will blanket the streets of Chicago. As law enforcement, it is our duty to enforce the law responsibly and ensure that citizens and tourists celebrate safely.

With crowds expected to be even larger this year, we must be prepared to ensure that participants proceed safely and adhere to the Disorderly Conduct and Public Way Drinking laws. Our number one goal is to provide a safe environment for participants, bystanders, and area residents.

It is also our fundamental duty to conduct ourselves beyond reproach, and that includes the excessive consumption of alcohol. The demands of law enforcement require members to be mentally alert and physically responsive at all times, and nothing is more important than our ability to preserve public safety and peace.

Every member must be constantly aware that his or her professional behavior, on and off duty, has a direct impact on the safety of the community. The risks associated with drinking are irreversible, so I encourage you to take the necessary precautions to avoid discredit to the department and your personal and professional integrity.

Our most valuable assets are our members. Remember that the mistakes associated with alcohol can ruin careers and destroy families. Enforce the law responsibly, and celebrate responsibly.

More importantly, seek the professional guidance and counseling services that are available to you on a 24 hour basis by calling the Professional Counseling Office at (312) 747-5492.

Stay safe, and keep up the good work.

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