



Division of Patrol

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# NEWS



## **Illinois State Police Announce Special Traffic Enforcement Patrols in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will Counties**

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Commander Jason Bradley announced today that officers will conduct special Traffic Enforcement Patrols (sTEP) between November 13 and November 25 on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Cook and Kane counties, the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) in Cook and Lake counties and the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) in DuPage and Will counties.

District 15 Troopers will concentrate on speeding, failure to use occupant restraints and other driving offenses as part of their enforcement efforts. The sTEP program involves a combination of increased enforcement and public information designed to raise public awareness and compliance to all traffic laws. Speeding was a contributing factor in more than 9,350 deaths nationwide in 2018. In Illinois, speed-related crashes account for 36 percent of all traffic fatalities.

Safety Belt Enforcement Zones may also be used during the sTEP program. Troopers will enforce the primary safety belt law to ensure drivers and all of their passengers are buckled up. Every hour someone dies in America simply because they are not wearing their safety belt. Statistics show that nearly half of all people killed in traffic crashes are not properly buckled up. You can save your life by driving safely and simply buckling up.

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