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<u>ILLINOIS STATE POLICE TO CONDUCT ALCOHOL</u> <u>COUNTERMEASURE ENFORCEMENT PATROLS</u>

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 15 Commander Linda Mandat announces the ISP will conduct Alcohol Countermeasure Enforcement (ACE) patrols in Cook and DuPage counties during April. ACE patrols allow the ISP to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to violations associated with impaired driving and illegal transportation or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

The ISP has zero tolerance for impaired driving in Illinois. Officers working the detail will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license, transporting open alcoholic beverages and most importantly:

- Driving Under the Influence (DUI);
- Safety Belt and Child Restraint use;
- Speeding;
- Distracted Driving; and,
- All Illinois Vehicle Code and Criminal Violations.

Alcohol and drug impairment are factors in more than 30% of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois. There is one alcohol-related traffic fatality every 53 minutes in the United States. The ACE program allows officers to work even harder at removing dangerous DUI offenders from the road. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"