



Division of Patrol Operations

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# NEWS



## **Illinois State Police Announce Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols in Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will Counties**

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Commander Dominic Chiappini announced today that officers will conduct Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols (OREP) during the month of October on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in DuPage County, on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) in Cook and Lake counties and on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) in DuPage and Will counties.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) statistics for 2017 revealed that 263 people were killed while not wearing their seatbelts. The goal of the OREP program is to increase statewide safety belt usage by vigorously enforcing all Illinois occupant restraint laws.

Illinois State Police Troopers will have a zero tolerance approach towards all unrestrained occupants of motor vehicle during these patrols. Illinois law requires all occupants of a motor vehicle to be properly restrained regardless of where they are sitting. Children under the age of 8 are required to be properly secured in a child restraint system at all times. Children under the age of 2 must be secured in a rear facing, properly secured child restraint system unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches long. Children who weigh 40 or more pounds may be secured in the rear seat of a vehicle with a seat belt.

The OREP project is funded through the IDOT Division of Traffic Safety.

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