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# NEWS



## **Illinois State Police Announce Results of Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols in Cook and Lake Counties**

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Commander Dominic Chiappini announced today enforcement figures for Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols (OREP) conducted on August 30 and August 31 on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Cook County and on the North Tri-State Tollway (I-94) in Lake County.

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Enforcement Activity</b>
Occupant restraint citations	50
Speeding citations	7
All other citations	14
<b>Total citations issued</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total written warnings issued – all violations</b>	<b>12</b>

In 2017, nearly one in four of the 1,090 people killed in traffic crashes in Illinois were not wearing seatbelts, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. The goal of the OREP program is to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries by strictly enforcing all occupant restraint laws in Illinois. This project is funded through the IDOT Division of Traffic Safety.

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