



Division of Patrol Operations

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Illinois State Police Announce Nighttime Special Enforcement Patrols in Cook, DuPage and Kane Counties

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Commander Dominic Chiappini announced today that officers will conduct Nighttime Enforcement Patrols (NITE) during the month of September on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in Cook County, on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in DuPage and Kane counties and on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) in DuPage County.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) statistics for 2017 revealed that nearly one-third of all fatal motor vehicle crashes involved alcohol and 263 people were killed while not wearing their seatbelts. The NITE program focuses enforcement efforts on drivers who are impaired and occupants of motor vehicles who are not wearing their seatbelts. These patrols will be conducted during nighttime hours when impaired driving crashes causing death or serious injury occur at higher rates.

Illinois State Police Troopers will have a zero-tolerance approach to impaired and unrestrained drivers during these patrols. Drivers who are arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) will be arrested, their vehicle may be impounded and they may face suspension of their driving privileges for up to one year for a first offense. Drivers who are convicted of DUI may face fines of up to \$2,500 and possible imprisonment for up to one year for first convictions. Penalties for subsequent convictions of DUI include possible imprisonment for up to 12 years and fines of up to \$25,000 if crashes cause occurs in great bodily harm or permanent disfigurement to other persons.

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