



Division of Patrol Operations

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## Illinois State Police Announce Results of Nighttime Enforcement Patrols in Cook, DuPage and Kane Counties

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Commander Dominic Chiappini announced today enforcement figures for Nighttime Enforcement Patrols (NITE) conducted on September 6 and September 29 on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in DuPage and Kane counties and on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80) in Cook County.

Violation	Enforcement Activity
Occupant restraint citations	3
Driving under the influence arrests	1
Drug/alcohol-related arrests	1
Speeding citations	39
All other citations	39
Speed written warnings	5
<b>Total citations issued</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Total written warnings issued</b>	<b>10</b>

In 2017, nearly one-third of all fatal crashes involved alcohol and 263 people were killed while not wearing their seatbelts, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. The goals of the NITE program are to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries by providing consistent late-night patrols in areas identified as having higher traffic crash and death rates. The NITE program puts particular emphasis on impaired drivers and occupants who are not wearing their safety belts.

The penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol can include one-year loss of full driving privileges, a fine of up to \$2,500 and possible imprisonment for up to one year for a first conviction. Penalties escalate for subsequent convictions, including possible imprisonment for up to 12 years and a fine of up to \$25,000 if a crash results in great bodily harm or permanent disfigurement to another person.

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