



Division of Patrol

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Illinois State Police Announce Results of Nighttime Enforcement Patrols in Cook, DeKalb, Kane and Lake Counties

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Commander Dominic Chiappini announced today enforcement figures for Nighttime Enforcement Patrols (NITE) conducted during the month of October on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Cook and Kane counties, the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) in DeKalb and Kane counties and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294) in Cook and Lake counties.

Violation	Enforcement Activity
Occupant restraint citations	6
Driving under the influence arrests	6
Drug/alcohol-related arrests	8
Speeding citations	67
All other citations	72
Speed written warnings	18
Total citations issued	159
Total written warnings issued	56

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.

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

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