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**ILLINOIS STATE POLICE PREPARE FOR THE BUSY FOURTH OF JULY
HOLIDAY TRAVEL WEEKEND**

District 15

State Troopers to Strictly Enforce Speeding, DUI, Seatbelt, and Distracted Driving Laws

DOWNERS GROVE – Illinois State Police (ISP) District 15 Commander Dominic Chiappini is reminding motorists to take the necessary safety precautions to prevent tragedies from occurring during the upcoming Fourth of July holiday weekend. Millions of motorists are expected to hit the interstate across the country during this busy Fourth of July holiday weekend.

ISP District 15 will be doing our part in keeping the roadways safe for those traveling throughout the Illinois Tollway. The ISP District 15 will be strictly enforcing the most common traffic violations that result in fatal crashes, otherwise known as the 'Fatal-Four': Speeding, DUI, seat belt use, and distracted driving.

ISP District 15 will be participating in the following enforcement details over the Fourth of July holiday weekend:

- Wednesday, July 3, 2019, the ISP District 15 will be conducting Occupant Restraint Enforcement patrols (OREP).
- Wednesday July 3, 2019 overnight to Thursday July 4, 2019, the ISP District 15 will be conducting an Alcohol Countermeasure Enforcement detail (ACE).
- On Friday, July 5, 2019, the ISP District 15 will conduct a Roadside safety check (RSC) in Cook County during the late evening hours until the early morning hours of July 6, 2019.
- ISP District 15 will also have additional construction zone patrol coverage and overnight patrol enforcement coverage in designated areas of the tollway identified as having higher traffic crashes.

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The ISP will also be cracking down on Scotts Law violators. “Our top priorities is to ensure everyone makes it home safe at the end of the day,” stated Capt. Chiappini. “As Troopers are conducting enforcement and Tollway help truck crews are assisting stranded motorists, we ask all drivers to slow down and move over for emergency lights”

ISP District 15 will be pushing the Fourth of July holiday emphasis from July 3, 2019 through July 7, 2019. If you are going to be at an event with alcohol this Fourth of July holiday, please make sure you designate a sober driver. Always keep your eyes on the road and off of the cell phone. Please be sure to buckle up, and watch your speed.

We are confident that voluntary compliance of Illinois traffic laws can lead to a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday for everyone.

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