



Division of Patrol

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

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Interim Commander Jason Bradley announced today enforcement figures for Nighttime Enforcement Patrols (NITE) conducted between February 28 and March 1 on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) in Cook and Lake counties.

Violation	Enforcement Activity
Occupant restraint citations	5
Driving under the influence arrests	4
Drug/alcohol-related arrests	6
Speeding citations	34
Speeding written warnings	11
All other citations	29
Total citations issued/arrests	78
Total written warnings issued	28

In 2018, 27 percent of all fatal crashes involved alcohol and 258 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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