



Division of Patrol

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Illinois State Police Announce Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols in Cook and Kane Counties

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Interim Commander Jason Bradley announced today that officers will conduct an Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrol (OREP) during the month of March on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Cook and Kane counties and the Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80) in Cook County.

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) statistics for 2018 revealed that 258 people were killed while not wearing their seatbelts. The goal of the OREP program is to increase statewide safety belt usage by vigorously enforcing all Illinois occupant restraint laws.

Illinois State Police Troopers will have a zero tolerance approach towards all unrestrained occupants of motor vehicle during these patrols. Illinois law requires all occupants of a motor vehicle to be properly restrained regardless of where they are sitting. Children under the age of 8 are required to be properly secured in a child restraint system at all times. Children under the age of 2 must be secured in a rear facing, properly secured child restraint system unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches long. Children who weigh 40 or more pounds may be secured in the rear seat of a vehicle with a seat belt.

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

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