



Division of Patrol

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

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Commander Jason Bradley announced today enforcement figures for Nighttime Enforcement Patrols (NITE) conducted between September 5 and September 7 on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80) in Cook county and the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) in DuPage and Will counties.

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Enforcement Activity</b>
Driving under the influence arrests	2
Illegal transportation of alcohol citations	6
Driver's license offenses citations	6
Occupant restraint citations	2
Speeding citations	42
Speeding written warnings	8
<b>Total citations issued/arrests</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Total written warnings issued</b>	<b>18</b>

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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