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

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police District 15 Commander Jason Bradley announced today enforcement figures for Nighttime Enforcement Patrols (NITE) conducted during the month of June on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Cook and Kane counties and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) in Cook, Kane and Lake counties.

Violation	Enforcement Activity
Scott's Law citations	8
Alcohol-related offenses	1
Wanted on warrant arrests	1
Distracted driving offenses citations	7
Driver's license offenses citations	6
Occupant restraint citations	16
Speeding citations	35
Speeding written warnings	2
Total citations issued/arrests	96
Total written warnings issued	25

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 latenight 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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