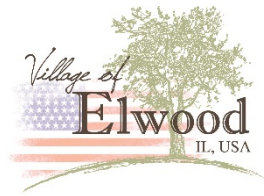


# Press Release- Elwood Police

2018 Distracted Driving Awareness Week Enforcement Efforts



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## Elwood Police Department announces “Distracted Driving Awareness Week” enforcement activity results



### DROP IT AND DRIVE

**Elwood, Illinois** – The Elwood Police Department today announced it issued **38** citations and made **3** aggravated traffic arrests during Illinois’ second annual distracted driving awareness campaign. The increased enforcement was part of the national Distracted Driving Awareness Month effort supported by the Illinois Association of the Chiefs of Police and the Illinois Department of Transportation. “Driver distraction is a persistent issue in the Village of Elwood and often has life-altering consequences,” said Chief Fred Hayes. “Our team dedicated 26 hours to this enforcement action, disseminated 1400 educational flyers, utilized social media along with 1340 WJOL AM radio public safety announcements, all to encourage motorists to drop it and drive.”



During the one-week campaign that ran April 23-27, the Elwood Police Department issued:

- **20** electronic communication device citations or warnings
- **3** seat belt citations and warnings
- **12** other citations
- **3** suspended/revoked licenses arrests

“Distracted Driving Awareness Month may be over, but the Elwood Police Department will continue working to stop motorists from engaging in this deadly behavior,” Chief Hayes said.

For more information on Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week visit [www.iddaw.org](http://www.iddaw.org). These partnerships have been formed to help further a traffic safety culture in Illinois and to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries resulting from distracted driving. Please help the ILACP, AAA, and Elwood, to keep Illinois’ roadways safe and Illinois strong.

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