

Press Release- Elwood Police

2019 St. Patrick's Weekend Campaign Enforcement Activity



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Elwood Police release traffic enforcement efforts during the St. Patrick's Day weekend

Elwood, Illinois – The Elwood Police Department took part in conducting additional traffic enforcement over the St. Patrick's Day weekend from March 14th through March 18th, 2019. Our mission was simple; remind motorists to drive sober and buckle up as part of the Illinois *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign. The Elwood Police Department joined the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries and deaths by arresting impaired drivers and issuing seat belt and other safety violations.

During the 4-day mobilization campaign, the Elwood Police dedicated 19 hours to this campaign to ensure motorists were buckled up and sober. During the course of this high visibility enforcement, officers initiated **32** traffic stops, issued **16** seatbelt tickets, **4** non-insured vehicles, **11** tickets for various other traffic safety violations. Officer's additionally issued **6** warnings while conducting roadside interviews for intoxicated drivers. This agency is fortunately reporting that there were no traffic arrests made or serious crashes within the village.

This annual campaign may be over in Elwood, but that isn't an excuse to drive impaired. Driving drug or alcohol impaired is illegal and can result in a DUI because it's extremely dangerous and irresponsible. Please remember, all vehicle occupants, regardless of seating position, are required to wear properly adjusted seat belts.

"Our officers are always committed year-round. If you drive impaired or unbuckled, you will be cited or arrested accordingly," said Chief Fred Hayes

The *Click It or Ticket/Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement effort is funded with federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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