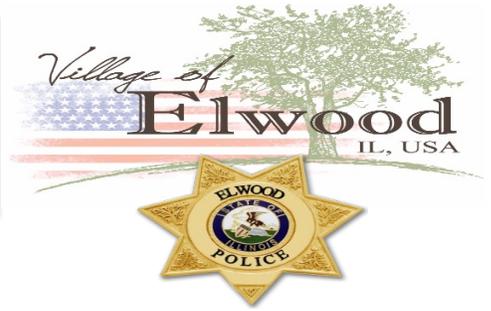


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2019 Fourth Enforcement Activity Results



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The Elwood Police Department releases Fourth of July enforcement statistics

(Elwood, Illinois) – “The Elwood Police Department conducted 152 traffic stops, made 20 arrests and issued 157 traffic citations including a total of **(75)** seat belt citations during the recent Fourth of July ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ and ‘Click It or Ticket’ safety campaigns,” said Chief Fred Hayes.

During the campaign, the Elwood Police dedicated 89 hours to this enforcement to ensure motorists were buckled up and sober. During the course of this high visibility enforcement, officers initiated 152 traffic stops which included 157 citations issued for various reasons. Amongst those issued were 75 seatbelt tickets including 21 for rear seat passengers, 21 non-insured vehicles, 4 tickets for distracted drivers, 14 speeding citations and 43 citations for various other traffic safety violations. Officer’s additionally issued 16 warnings while conducting enforcement.

Arrests conducted during enforcement included 20 of the following charges:

- 1 for Felony Armed Burglary and Robbery warrant out of Indiana
- 1 for Obstructing a Peace Officer and Obstructing Identification
- 9 motorists were arrested for reckless driving.
- 7 motorists arrested for DWLS/DWLR
- 1 Felony arrest for DWLR
- 1 Drug arrest

Law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois participated in this statewide effort to get drunk and drugged drivers off our roads and encourage seat belt use.

Elwood Police joined forces with more than 160 other state and local law enforcement agencies conducting the crackdown, which featured high-visibility enforcement combined with a variety of outreach activities including a media campaign.

The recent law enforcement effort was funded by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of the statewide “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click It or Ticket” programs.

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