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Holiday campaign brings impaired drivers to justice, boosts seat belt use

Bloomington, IL - This past holiday season, the Bloomington Police Department teamed up with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies statewide for the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,” “Drive High. Get a DUI.” and “Click It or Ticket” campaigns. From December 12 through January 5, officers focused on removing impaired drivers from the road and ensuring that motorists were properly buckled.

From rural routes and small-town streets to busy suburban arterials and city expressways, the goal was the same: to prevent crashes and save lives.

The result? A safer holiday season with four impaired driving arrests and 20 citations for seat belt violations. There were a total of 16 traffic arrests and citations written for the following:

- 101 Speeding
- 23 Distracted driving
- 175 Other offenses

Throughout the traffic enforcement period, officers encountered several situations that highlighted the importance of these proactive traffic safety efforts.

On December 14 at 2:00 a.m., an officer responded to Interstate 55 and found a vehicle crashed into a snowbank. An elderly male had fallen after exiting his vehicle and was lying in a lane of traffic. The officer assisted him to his feet and escorted him out of harm's way before a tragedy could occur. Due to the sub-zero temperatures, the man was provided with medical attention. The vehicle was removed from the roadway to prevent an additional crash.

On December 19 at 10:14 p.m., an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Veterans Parkway. The officer turned around to conduct a traffic stop, but the vehicle continued traveling northbound at 99 mph in a 45-mph zone. An officer with the Normal Police Department observed the vehicle committing additional violations and conducted a traffic stop on Starlight Court in Normal. The adult male driver was cited for the following:

- Reckless driving
- Speeding 35 mph or more over the posted speed limit
- Disregarding a traffic control device
- Possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle
- Several additional violations

On January 2 at 6:30 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop for speeding and found the driver to be in possession of a pill that field-tested positive for methamphetamine. The driver was arrested for multiple traffic violations and possession of methamphetamine.

The holiday enforcement campaign was administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is part of Illinois' "It's Not a Game" statewide media outreach program.

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Career Opportunities

The Bloomington Police Department is currently hiring for the entry-level officer position. Individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement are encouraged to apply and join our team in serving and protecting the community. For more information, visit join-bpd.com, email knowers@cityblm.org, or call 309-261-6018.

Crime Tips

If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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