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Gurnee Police Conduct Special Enforcement Period

Gurnee, IL – The Gurnee Police Department will be conducting occupant protection enforcement zones throughout the village beginning May 15th through May 30th.

These special enforcement activities are funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with the goal to improve occupant protection use during the overnight hours.

In Illinois, as of January 1, 2012, all drivers and passengers must wear seat belts in all seating positions in the car, not just the front seat. During statewide observational surveys conducted by Illinois Department of Transportation in 2015, the overall usage rate for rear seat occupants was 84.9 percent versus 95.2 percent for drivers and front seat passengers. Of the 274 fatalities in 2015 that occurred during the night time hours, 42 percent were unbuckled.

This enforcement effort coincides with the nationwide "Click It or Ticket," campaign that begins on May 22nd and runs through the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

In addition to the occupant protection enforcement zones, officers will be deployed throughout the village to focus on impaired driving and speed enforcement.

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