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WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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My Fellow Law Enforcement Professionals:

On behalf of the men and women of the Western Springs Police Department, it is my distinct honor and privilege to present our Western Springs Police - Traffic Safety Challenge 2018 application. As you review our application, you will see that we take tremendous pride in our continuous traffic safety, public education, and enforcement efforts. Our primary mission is to maintain a high standard of integrity, professionalism, and effective law enforcement services in partnership with the community.

CLERK

Bridget Fitzgerald

It has been several years since my agency last participated in the Traffic Challenge and I am very excited to participate in the process once again. I am confident that you will agree our traffic safety initiatives and accomplishments merit formal recognition.

MANAGER

Ingrid Velkme

Yours in service,

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TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Village of Western Springs' population has increased by 7.8% since the 2010 census. As the population of Western Springs continues to grow, the resulting effect in the Village has been a permanent increase in young families, more cars per family; more bicycle and pedestrian traffic; commuters; and a more robust downtown business district.

Adding to our community-related challenges of traffic safety, we have Interstate 294, which borders the west side of the Village, and Interstate 55 to the south of the Village. Ogden Avenue is the busiest street in the Village, with daily traffic counts close to 30,000 vehicles. Ogden Avenue proceeds in a northeast direction to its eastern end in Chicago. The other major roadways in the Village include Wolf Road, Gilbert Avenue, 47th Street, and 55th Street. Greater traffic volume on roadways, particularly during rush hour, leads to traffic complaints from residents for speeding vehicles, reckless driving, and other related violations. When roads become congested, motorists exploit side streets as shortcuts. This is particularly concerning during school hours because distracted motorists can put children at risk by speeding and driving carelessly through school zones.

Previously, a primary concern raised by our citizens was the pedestrian crossing from Woodland Avenue across Ogden Avenue to the Bemis Woods Forest Preserve. Daily traffic volumes as high as they are; pedestrians and cyclists did not feel safe crossing four lanes of high volume traffic with the existing crosswalk. Therefore, the pedestrian crosswalk was repainted and pedestrian warning lights were installed to increase visibility and safety. There are also plans in place to extend a pathway from the Bemis Woods entrance to the Ogden Avenue and Wolf Road intersection.

Even with the economy in recovery, gas prices continue to fluctuate, resulting in a lasting growth of commuters riding the train to and from the city. Our downtown business district is bisected by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks with anywhere from 130 - 145 trains going through town daily. Consequently, more pedestrians and cyclists cross busy roadways in order to access the Train Depot. This sets up a distinctive traffic safety hazard for the Village.

In 2018, we were able to reach full staffing at 21 officers. However, close to the first half of the year, our two new officers were in their Field Training Program. This caused our Field Training Officers to be limited in their activities, which affected their enforcement effectiveness within the department. Therefore, we had to keep evaluating and revising our plans, goals, and objectives to ensure our resources were used effectively.

SOLUTIONS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY DILEMMAS

The Western Springs Police Department takes an anticipatory approach to identify traffic safety predicaments and employing solutions. Since his promotion in 2017, Deputy Chief Daniel Albrecht has been the department's Traffic Safety Coordinator. He coordinates with NHTSA and IDOT to decide on what areas to target violations for occupant protection, distracted driving, and impaired driving. The Traffic Safety Coordinator analyzes data assembled from citizen complaints, traffic surveys, crash reports, and Department statistics. With this data, the Coordinator then disseminates Directed Patrols through Frontline Public Safety Solutions web portal.



SOLUTIONS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY DILEMMAS (CONTINUED)

Directed Patrols are locations in town that have a high number of vehicle crashes or have a high number of resident complaints. Shift Supervisors and Patrol Officers then provide an increased presence and focus on special traffic enforcement efforts in these problem areas. These requests are documented through Frontline's dedicated online web portal.

One solution to speed-related safety issues in our Department is to deploy our four Speed Sentry Shield Signs and one radar trailer at Directed Patrol locations throughout town. The speed signs are used primarily to alert passing motorists of their vehicle's speed as compared to the posted speed limit in that area. The signs are used almost daily throughout the year, weather permitting.

One of the Western Springs Police Department's main priorities is its ongoing effort to enhance voluntary compliance with public information and education. In 2018, our efforts were focused on occupant protection, impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, railroad violations, pedestrian safety, and bicycle safety infractions. To achieve this, we started at the Police Department with different types of Roll Call Training and expanded into the community. We have strong partnerships with our high school, elementary schools, local PTO and PTA's, Senior Services, local newspapers; *The Doings*, and *Patch*, and local businesses.

The Department participates in a number of different safety initiatives. We participated in a number of campaigns relating to impaired driving, distracted driving, and seat belt violations including St. Patrick's Day and Thanksgiving Holiday "Click it or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," and the Labor Day "Click It Or Ticket Campaign." We participate in "Buckle Up Your Valentine" and "Seat Check Saturday." We participated in "Illinois Rail Safety" campaign and lastly, we conducted Distracted Driving enforcement in April, and a Speed detail in September.

As with the start of every year, in 2018, we reevaluated our traffic safety programs internally, then reached out to other departments to see what has been successful and what can be incorporated here. Moving forward, we will use every opportunity to partner with other agencies. We also collaborated with "Operation Lifesaver," and "Police on Board for Rail Safety." to help educate the public.

Throughout the year, we constantly reinforce the importance of achieving our departmental goals in relation to traffic safety by updating the Village social media accounts. With social media becoming an everyday fixture in citizen's lives, we utilize the police department's webpage, Facebook, and Twitter pages to update our community with traffic safety-related information and tips.

CONCLUSION

The Western Springs Police Department understands that focusing entirely on traffic enforcement is not enough. Our community insists on an exceptional level of involvement and accountability from the Police Department. As a Department, we continue to respond to the needs of our residents and seek solutions to current and future challenges. The pages that follow illustrate how we have succeeded as a Department throughout the year, and more importantly, what we have accomplished as a community; to work toward the evolving challenges of traffic safety in our strive to prevent injuries and save lives.

I. POLICY & GUIDELINES

OFFICER SAFETY BELT USE POLICY

The Western Springs Police Department has a clear, articulated policy in reference to officer safety belt use. Safety belts are the most effective means of reducing death or serious injury when involved in a traffic crash. In 2018, the Western Springs Police Department adjusted our seat belt general order by eliminating the exception for police personnel. Now, police personnel are also required to wear a properly fitted safety belt. This policy is outlined below on pages 3 - 4 of General Order OP502.

SUBJECT: PATROL

Issue Date: December 22, 2003

Revised Date: December 9, 2018

Western Springs Police Officers Buckle Up Every Time!



OP502

E. SEAT BELTS

1. The use of seat belts will cause a significant reduction in the number of deaths and the severity of injuries resulting from traffic crashes and can assist officers in maintaining proper control of their vehicles during pursuit or emergency high-speed conditions.
2. Drivers and passengers of department vehicles will wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat safety belt. Exceptions are if a driver or passenger possesses:
 - a. a written statement from a physician that a person is unable, for medical or physical reasons, to wear a safety belt (625 ILCS 5/12-603.1(b)2), or
 - b. an official certificate or license endorsement issued by an appropriate agency in another state or country indicating that the driver is unable for medical, physical or other valid reasons to wear a seat safety belt. [625 ILCS 5/12-603.1(b)3]

I. POLICY & GUIDELINES

TRANSPORTING DETAINEES BY VEHICLE POLICY

The Western Springs Police Department has an established policy for safety belt use when transporting a detainee in a police vehicle. This policy states that a detainee shall be secured with a safety belt in the rear passenger compartment. Our policy is outlined below on page 3 of General Order OP518.

SUBJECT: DETAINEE TRANSPORTATION

Issue Date: January 6, 2004

Revised Date: July 24, 2012

OP518

thorough search under the seats, paying special attention to the rear passenger area.

3. Any item noted by the officer, which may contribute to unsafe vehicle operation or any contraband located during the inspection of the vehicle should be immediately brought to the attention of the Shift Supervisor.

D. TRANSPORTING DETAINEES IN VEHICLES

1. All detainees should be under observation at all times. Detainees should be made as comfortable as possible yet secured to the maximum degree with appropriate restraining devices and fastened seat belts.
2. Detainees should be transported in vehicles equipped with a safety barrier between the front and rear seats unless unusual circumstances exist which prohibit the utilization of such equipment.
3. All police vehicles used to transport detainees shall be so designed or modified to prevent the occupants of the rear seat from opening the rear doors or windows without the aid of the vehicle operator.
4. The detainee shall be secured in the rear passenger compartment, separated from the driver by the safety barrier. Normally the detainee should be seated as far away from the driver as possible and seat belted.
5. Whenever a detainee is transported in a vehicle which has a safety barrier, one officer may be utilized for the transport, unless unusual or extreme circumstances (for example, the detainee is suicidal, violent etc.) exist that are detrimental to officer and/or detainee safety.
 - a. When such circumstances exist, two officers may be used upon permission from the shift supervisor.
6. Detainees being transported in police vehicles which do not have a safety barrier shall be secured with a seat belt in the rear passenger compartment as far away from the driver as possible and seat belted.
7. At the shift supervisor's discretion, whenever possible, two officers should be made available for transporting a detainee in a vehicle without a safety barrier. If two department officers are present, one may ride in the rear seat behind the driver if so directed by the shift supervisor.

E. VISUAL SCRUTINY OF DETAINEES

I. POLICY & GUIDELINES

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTION POLICY

The Western Springs Police Department has clear policies and guidelines relating to traffic enforcement. To demonstrate our commitment to excellence, we administer aggressive enforcement of safety belts, child passenger safety restraints, impaired driving, and speeding violations. On page 3 of General Order OP511, it states that all officers are to enforce each traffic violation witnessed or reported to them. The pages to follow will highlight our policies and guidelines specific to our target areas.

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Issue Date: January 6, 2004

Revised Date: July 24, 2012

OP511

1. Data collected in traffic review will be distributed to patrol supervisors for planning and appropriate enforcement deployment.
2. Patrol supervisors will also assign selective enforcement programs around the village.
3. Roadside safety checks are not conducted by the Western Springs Police Department. Requests for assistance by other departments will be authorized by the chief or designee.

E. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

1. All sworn officers shall take appropriate action for each violation of the law witnessed or reported to them.
2. Officers are to stress public safety and public service in their enforcement efforts by ensuring enforcement with applicable statutes and ordinances, taking into account the degree and severity of the violation committed.
3. Enforcement action does not provide the officer a privilege to berate or otherwise verbally abuse a traffic motorist.
4. All enforcement actions will be accomplished in a fair, impartial and courteous manner with the understanding that quality as well as quantity is necessary for a successful enforcement program.
5. One of the following five (5) enforcement methods must be used:
 - a. Verbal warnings - Verbal warnings will not be used as a form of traffic enforcement.
 - b. Written warning - A written warning is a proper alternative by officers in response to an unintentional and minor traffic infraction and no interference with the rights of other motorists occurred. This would also be appropriate in the case of minor equipment violations.
 - c. Ordinance citation - An ordinance citation is appropriate in response to a violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code that is not a jailable offense.
 - d. Uniform traffic citation - Enforcement action of a traffic citation is applicable whenever violations occur which in the judgment of the officer a traffic citation is warranted.
 - e. Physical arrest - Officers may affect the arrest of any persons in violation of those serious traffic laws such as driving while under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, fleeing and eluding and driving while license is suspended or

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SAFETY BELT ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Western Springs Police Department's policy for making safety belt enforcement a priority is outlined below on page 9 of General Order OP511. It states that all personnel will make it a priority to strictly enforce all occupant restraint laws.

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Issue Date: January 6, 2004

Revised Date: July 24, 2012

OP511

- b. On those arteries with a substantial flow of vehicular traffic, and where hazardous moving violations are observed involving persons operating bicycles, the applicable laws should be enforced.
- c. In those areas where traffic flow is minimal, visibility is unobstructed, and traffic crash experience is low, officers should exercise discretion in the application of those laws regarding the safe operation of bicycles.

13. Traffic crash enforcement

- a. Appropriate enforcement action should be taken in cases where the officer's investigation produces probable cause to believe a violation of the law or village ordinance has been committed.
- b. The officer should establish all elements of the violation before taking any positive enforcement actions. Elements that the officer does not personally witness should be established through investigation.

14. The proper use of occupant restraint devices will cause a significant reduction in the number of deaths and the severity of injuries resulting from traffic crashes. All personnel will make it a priority to strictly enforce all occupant restraint laws.

I. ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES

1. The most effective deterrent to traffic law violations is visible patrol in a marked vehicle. Considering this principle and in the interest of maintaining a posture of prevention, as opposed to apprehension, traffic law enforcement activities shall be conducted accordingly. Unmarked or unconventional vehicles will not be used for traffic law enforcement activities unless authorized by the police chief.
 - a. Officers shall drive the patrol vehicle in accordance with existing laws and in such a manner as to demonstrate exemplary driving behavior.
 - b. Area patrol (patrol in a defined area that includes a number of streets or zones) shall be utilized for visible traffic patrol.
 - c. In those areas where fixed post observation is necessary to maximize the effectiveness of a selective enforcement effort officers may park in a conspicuous location and in such a manner that traffic flow is not impeded.

J. STOPPING - APPROACHING THE TRAFFIC MOTORIST

1. In stopping motorists for any reason, officer safety is paramount. Officers will take all steps and precautions necessary during traffic stops to ensure their safety and well-being. Officers should be aware that every vehicle stop involves some degree of risk,

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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY RESTRAINT ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Western Springs Police Department’s policy making child safety restraint enforcement a priority is outlined below on pages 1 - 2 of General Order OP516. It states all personnel are directed to ensure the safety of a child by taking appropriate action if a violation is observed.

SUBJECT: CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Issue Date: January 6, 2004

Revised Date: May 25, 2007



Western Springs Police Department
General Order OP516

SUBJECT: CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Issue Date: January 6, 2004
Revised Date: May 25, 2007

Relates to Standards: 61.4.1

Indexed As: Child Passenger Safety
Child Seat Inspections

I. POLICY

A. It is the policy of the Western Springs Police Department to help ensure the safety of children traveling in motor vehicles on our roadways. This goal can be accomplished through means of enforcement, education, and by providing the means for citizens to obtain child safety seats.

II. PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this order is to establish guidelines and procedures when dealing with issues surrounding child passenger safety.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. Certified child passenger safety (CPS) technician: Any person, who has successfully completed the 32-hour NHTSA Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Course, has been subsequently issued a technician number, and whose certification is currently valid.

IV. PROCEDURE

A. Traffic stop encounters

- 1. It is the responsibility of every officer to take appropriate action on a traffic stop when there is a violation of the child passenger safety law. Options for officers may include:
 - a. Issuing a citation when a child is not properly secured.
 - b. If no child seat is present, the officer may provide the motorist with the information to contact the CPS technician to obtain a child seat.

Police general order pertaining to child safety seat enforcement.

OP516

- c. For a child seat that is present, but not properly secured, the officer may either correct the seat (if a certified technician) or refer the motorist to a CPS technician to schedule an appointment for a child seat inspection.
- d. Providing the motorist with written brochures/educational material regarding child passenger safety.

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IMPAIRED DRIVING AND SPEED ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

The Western Springs Police Department's policy prioritizing making impaired driving and speed enforcement a priority is outlined below on pages 12 - 13 of General Order OP511. We recognize that impaired drivers, drivers exceeding the posted speed limit, or driving too fast for conditions, are the most causes of traffic crashes. Therefore, a high priority is placed on the enforcement of such violations.

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Issue Date: January 6, 2004

Revised Date: July 24, 2012

OP511

- e. Complete forms required for the enforcement action.
- f. Explain to the motorist exactly what he/she is supposed to do in response to the action taken, including any court appearances or payment options. Do not predict the actions of the court.

M. SPEED MEASURING DEVICES

1. Speeding is a significant threat to public safety and warrants priority attention. Vehicles traveling at excessive speeds has been consistently linked to crash risk, therefore, officers are directed to enforce speed related laws.
2. The use of speed measuring devices can be an effective means of reducing speed related traffic violations and crashes. The effective use of speed measuring devices and their acceptance is dependent upon the operator's training in the FTO program, combined with periodic retraining to update the operator's efficiency.
3. The department will use radar in high or potentially high crash locations when speed is a factor; in areas where speed limit violations are prevalent; school zones, and in response to citizen complaints concerning speeding motorists.

programs specific to an identified speed related problem.

N. DUI COUNTER MEASURES

1. Drivers impaired by alcohol and/or drugs represent a serious threat to the life and safety of persons using the streets and highways of this state and because of this the department places a high priority on DUI enforcement. Officers must always be alert for signs of the alcohol or drug impaired driver in all contacts with motorists. They should make every effort to detect and apprehend the impaired driver. Enforcement is one of the key elements of the DUI program.
2. Upon stopping a motorist and determining probable cause is present for a DUI arrest; the arrest should be made unless circumstances warrant an alternate course of action.
3. Once probable cause is established and an arrest has been made all chemical tests will be offered and given in accordance with Illinois Compiled Statute 625 ILCS 5/11-501.2.
4. All officers shall be familiar with DUI detection and field sobriety tests.

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ADDITIONAL DUI ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Western Springs Police Department's additional DUI Enforcement and Processing policy is outlined below on page 1 of General Order OP526.

SUBJECT: DUI ENFORCEMENT

Issue Date: January 15, 2004

Revised Date: May 19, 2008

**Western Springs Police Department
General Order OP526**

SUBJECT: D.U.I. ENFORCEMENT AND PROCESSING

Issue Date: January 15, 2004

Revised Date: May 19, 2008

Relates to Standards: 61.1.11

Indexed As: DUI Enforcement

I. POLICY

A. It shall be the policy of the Western Springs Police Department to arrest persons for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.



I. POLICY & GUIDELINES

CHIEF’S TRAFFIC INITIATIVE PRESS RELEASE - Guideline for DUI and Seat Belt

On March 13, 2018, Deputy Chief Daniel Albrecht sent a Memorandum to all police personnel reminding everyone to continue proactive enforcement efforts with a special emphasis on impaired driving and seat belt violations.

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WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN
ST. PATRICK’S DAY “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” CAMPAIGN

WESTERN SPRINGS, IL – March 13, 2018 – The Western Springs Police Department will be participating in a statewide St. Patrick’s Day “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click It or Ticket” enforcement campaign from March 13th through March 17th. Police Officers will be increasing their visible traffic enforcement primarily focusing on impaired driving and unbuckled motorists throughout Western Springs.



Illinois Department of Transportation data shows that 58 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes on the weekends prior to, and after, March 17th from 2012 to 2016; 16 of the fatalities involved at least one driver who had been drinking. In 2016 alone, 15 people were killed during those two weekends and four died as a result of crashes involving at least one driver who had been drinking.

Additional enforcement will take place late at night when seat belt use is at its lowest and impaired driving is at its highest.

The Western Springs Police would like to remind the public to designate a sober driver and to buckle up – that is always your best defense against an impaired driver. Driving impaired is a deadly decision and it is against the law. Please be responsible while celebrating this St. Patrick’s Day holiday.

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CHIEF'S SAFETY MEMORANDUM - Guideline for DUI, Seat Belt, Speed Enforcement

On December 29, 2017, Chief Brian Budds sent a Memorandum to all police personnel directing everyone to continue being proactive in our efforts to enforce all impaired driving, seat belt, and speeding violations so we can continue to keep the Village of Western Springs safe.

CHIEF BRIAN J. BUDDS
WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 29, 2017

To: All Staff

RE: New Year's Holiday Selective Traffic Enforcement Directive

During this upcoming New Year's holiday period, State, county, and local law enforcement will be on the lookout for impaired drivers as well as those who speed and don't buckle-up. Nationwide, the holiday season is historically a deadly time due to the high volume of impaired drivers on the roadways. According to IDOT, Illinois is experiencing a second consecutive year of more than 1,000 motor vehicle crash fatalities. In 2016, there were 1,078 fatalities and the current pace may match or surpass that. During New Year's weekend over the past five years, there have been 46 fatalities on Illinois roadways, of which 41 percent involved alcohol.

According to NHTSA, an average of 300 people perished in drunk driving-related crashes during the Christmas through New Year's holiday period over the past 5 years.

I am directing our entire patrol staff to aggressively enforce all violations of the law which include but are not limited to; impaired driving, excessive speeding, seat belt, and child safety seat usage during this upcoming New Year's holiday.

I want to thank everyone for their tireless selective traffic enforcement efforts during this past year. Best wishes to you and your families for a healthy and prosperous New Year in 2018!

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2018 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - Guidelines for Traffic Enforcement

The Western Springs Police Department's goals and objectives for 2018; relating to traffic enforcement, are outlined below. These goals are set by Traffic Safety Coordinator, Deputy Chief Daniel Albrecht and approved by Chief Brian Budds. Our goals are to increase traffic safety in the Village by increasing seat belt enforcement, speed enforcement, distracted driving, and impaired driving violations.



Western Springs Police Department *2018 Goals & Objectives*



Traffic Enforcement

Goal – Increase DUI arrests by at least 10% from 2017.

Measure – The Patrol Division will conduct active enforcement focusing on impaired driving.

Responsible Parties: All Patrol Sergeants

Completion Date: December 31, 2018

Goal – Increase speeding points of contact by at least 10% from 2017.

Measure – The Patrol Division will conduct selective enforcement focusing on vehicles driving over the posted limit.

Responsible Parties: All Patrol Sergeants

Completion Date: December 31, 2018

Goal – Increase electronic communication violation points of contact by at least 10% from 2017.

Measure – The Patrol Division will conduct selective enforcement focusing on drivers using electronic communication devices while driving.

Responsible Parties: All Patrol Sergeants

Completion Date: December 31, 2018

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SHIFT GOALS - Guidelines for Traffic Enforcement

Below is an example of our Frontline Directed Patrol requests. These requests can be entered by staff due to citizen complaints or Sergeants can create their own requests as part of their monthly Shift Goals or the Departments yearly goals.

Photos (below): Examples of the Frontline Direct Patrol requests.



Daily Activity Report

Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018

Directed Patrol

SUBJECT	LOCATION	CAD/REPORT #	DESCRIPTION	START DATE	END DATE	AREA/BEAT	TIME STAMP
Stop Sign Enforcement	42nd street franklin ave		stop sign enformceent	6/20/2018	6/21/2018	Area 1	06/19/2018 / 11:36 AM Shaun O'Connor

SUBJECT	LOCATION	CAD/REPORT #	DESCRIPTION	START DATE	END DATE	AREA/BEAT	TIME STAMP
Traffic Light Enforcement	ogden ave / wolf rd		traffic light	6/19/2018	6/19/2018	Area 1	06/19/2018 / 11:39 AM Shaun O'Connor

SUBJECT	LOCATION	CAD/REPORT #	DESCRIPTION	START DATE	END DATE	AREA/BEAT	TIME STAMP
Speeding Enforcement	42nd street and wolf rd		check for speeding vehicles	6/27/2018	7/4/2018	Area 1	06/26/2018 / 03:29 PM Shaun O'Connor

SUBJECT	LOCATION	CAD/REPORT #	DESCRIPTION	START DATE	END DATE	AREA/BEAT	TIME STAMP
Stop Sign Enforcement	Hillgrove Ave / Wolf Rd		Stop sign enforcement test	7/18/2018	7/21/2018	Area 1 Ogden Ave - Hillgrove Ave	07/16/2018 / 10:55 AM Shaun O'Connor

Issue Date	Start Time	End Time	Ticket Type	Tickets	Warnings	Narrative	Officer
7/19/2018	4:00 AM	7:45 AM	Select	3	1		Shaun O'Connor
7/18/2018	4:15 AM	8:45 AM	Select	3	4		Shaun O'Connor

SUBJECT	LOCATION	CAD/REPORT #	DESCRIPTION	START DATE	END DATE	AREA/BEAT	TIME STAMP
Other	Hillgrove Avenue West of Central		Complainant states they are concerned about pedestrians crossing Hillgrove north in the area of Central, with parked vehicles in the commuter spaces they obstruct the view of motorists when a pedestrian steps out onto Hillgrove. Afternoon shift please have a vehicle monitor the area during high traffic times over the next 2 weeks. Thanks	9/19/2018	10/5/2018		09/19/2018 / 03:10 PM Daniel Albrecht

Issue Date	Start Time	End Time	Ticket Type	Tickets	Warnings	Narrative	Officer
10/1/2018	1:00 PM		Select	0	0	Placed speed trailer with Watch for Pedestrians message	Jim Strafaci

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SHIFT GOALS - Guidelines for Traffic Enforcement

Below are examples of the Shift Goals the Sergeants set throughout the year. The emphasis is on speed, railroad, seat belt, impaired, and distracted driving violations. Sergeants develop monthly shift goals for their personnel, specific to a one month cycle.



Sgt. Joseph L. Rourke #138

Cic. Harrison #159
Cfc. Mroz #164
Cfc. Magnuson #171
Cfc. Ficke #176



Day Shift Objectives

October 14th – November 10, 2018

- Conduct a physical & visual inspection of your squad prior to and at the end of every shift. Write up any problems or concerns and document on your daily activity log.
- Service your assigned squads, including maintenance at public works and getting vehicles washed when necessary.
- Perform a minimum of 15 minutes of foot patrol per day.
- The south zone car should utilize Station #2 when generating reports.
- **Conduct side street radar and check for hot spots.**
- On school days during student arrival (07:20-7:40), extra patrol is required in the north parking lot.
- **Conduct a minimum of (3) traffic contacts per shift.**
- Complete the monthly on-line Police Law Institute training lesson.
- Check your assigned vacation cards daily for new requests.
- Vacation Checks: Mroz #2, Ficke #1, Magnuson #3

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Afternoon Shift Goals

November 11th 2018 ~ December 08th 2018



Shift Personnel				
SGT. LoChirco	OIC. Jemison	OFC. Gismondi	OFC. O'Loughlin	OFC. Romanow

Directed Patrol				
Sgt. 157	OIC. 155	OFC. 168	OFC. 170	OFC. 174

- ✓ **One Speeding Violation POC Per Shift.**
- ✓ **Conduct radar on side streets, main roads, & any reported Hot Spots.**
- ✓ **Increase DUI & Warrant enforcement.**
- ✓ **One Equipment or Railroad Violations POC Per Shift.**
- ✓ Increase possession of Cannabis/Drug & Drug Paraphernalia.
- ✓ **Two Local Ordinance Violations POC Per Month.**
- ✓ South Car traffic enforcement at Lyons Township High School during dismissal times. 2:50pm to 3:45pm.

On-line Law Review				
SGT. 157	OIC. 155	OFC. 168	OFC. 170	OFC. 174

Traffic / Other Arrests		
Date: 11 / 12 /2018	Offense: 6-101	OFC. 170
Date: 11 / 13 /2018	Offense: Domestic Battery	OFC. 170
Date: 11 / 20 /2018	Offense: DUI	OFC. 174
Date: 12 / /2018	Offense: LEAVING SCHOOL 18-60	OFC. 168



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Night Shift Goals

9/16/18-10/13/18

Sgt. Jage
OIC Church
OFC Hull
OFC McPherson
OFC Ficke



- Increase patrol on side streets, alleys, businesses, parks, & schools being aware of closing times in your assigned area.
- **Conduct radar on side streets, main roads, & any reported Hot Spots. Goal is 20 total speeding contacts for the entire shift as a whole.**
- Shift should attempt to make **2 traffic related arrests** for the month.
- Each Officer is to conduct one 15-minute block of roll call training.
- **Increase DUI/alcohol/drug/warrant enforcement efforts to include 1 arrest.**
- Officers are to familiarize themselves with their businesses in their zones; the hours of operation, employees, and the employees' vehicles.
- Officers are to conduct business checks and make one walk-thru per shift.
- **Attempt to issue 3 municipal ordinance citations for the month.**
- Complete the monthly on-line law training.

Traffic/Other Arrests		
Date:	Offense:	Star#

I. POLICY & GUIDELINES

SHIFT GOALS - Guidelines for Traffic Enforcement

Below are examples of the Shift Goals the Sergeants set throughout the year. The emphasis is on speed, railroad, seat belt, impaired, and distracted driving violations. Sergeants develop monthly shift goals for their personnel, specific to a one month cycle.



Western Springs Police Department

Afternoon Shift Goals

June 24, 2018 ~ July 21, 2018

Shift Personnel				
SGT. LoChirco	OIC. Jemison	OFC. Gismondi	OFC. O'Loughlin	OFC. McPherson

- ✓ **One Speeding Violation POC Per Shift.**
- ✓ **One Seat Belt Violation POC Per Shift.**
- ✓ Conduct radar on side streets, main roads, & any reported **Hot Spots**.
- ✓ **Increase DUI & Warrant enforcement.**
- ✓ **One Equipment or Railroad Violations POC Per Shift.**
- ✓ Increase possession of Cannabis/Drug & Drug Paraphernalia.
- ✓ Two Local Ordinance Violations POC Per Month.

On-line Law Review				
SGT. 157	OIC. 155	OFC. 168	OFC. 170 / 172	OFC. 172

Traffic / Other Arrests		
Date: 07/12/2018	Offense: WARRANT	OFC. 170
Date: / / 2018	Offense:	OFC.
Date: / / 2018	Offense:	OFC.
Date: / / 2018	Offense:	OFC.



Western Springs Police Department

Night Shift Goals

5/27/18-6/23/18

Sgt. Jage
OIC Church
Ofc. Hull
Ofc. Niezgoda
Ofc. Romanow

- Increase patrol on side streets, alleys, businesses, parks, & schools being aware of closing times in your assigned area.
- **Conduct radar on side streets, main roads, & any reported Hot Spots.**
Goal is 25 total speeding contacts for the entire shift as a whole.
- **Shift should make 2 traffic related arrests for the month.**
- Each Officer is to conduct one 15-minute block of roll call training.
- **Increase DUI/alcohol/drug/warrant enforcement efforts to include 1 arrest.**
- Officers are to familiarize themselves with their businesses in their zone; the hours of operation, employees, and the employees' vehicles.
- Officers are to conduct business checks and make one walk-thru per shift.
- Issue 3 municipal ordinance citations for the month.
- Complete the monthly on-line law training.

Traffic/Other Arrests		
Date: 5-29-18	Offense: 6-303	Star# 174
Date:	Offense:	Star#
Date:	Offense:	Star#
Date:	Offense:	Star#



Sgt. Joseph L. Rourke #138

Oic. Harrison #159
Ofc. Mroz #164
Ofc. Magnuson #171
Ofc. Hass #175
Ofc. Ficke #176



Day Shift Objectives

May 27th – June 23th, 2018

- Conduct a physical & visual inspection of your squad prior to and at the end of every shift. Write up any problems or concerns and document on your daily activity log.
- Service your assigned squads, including maintenance at public works and getting vehicles washed when necessary.
- Perform a minimum of 15 minutes of foot patrol per day.
- The south zone car should utilize Station #2 when generating reports.
- **Conduct side street radar and check for hot spots.**
- Check the schedule for assigned Roll Call training dates.
- **Conduct a minimum of (3) traffic contacts per shift.**
- **Complete the monthly on-line Police Law Institute training lesson.**
- Check your assigned vacation cards daily for new requests.
- Vacation Checks: **Magnuson/Hass #1 – Mroz #2 & #3**

II. OFFICER TRAINING

The Western Springs Police Department has an obligation to provide professional and efficient law enforcement services to the community. Through training, the Department provides the education needed to develop, support, and advance the skills and expertise of each member of the Police Department. The Department's training includes, but is not limited to schools and seminars, video-based training, training bulletins, a thorough review of policies and general orders, and online and in-service training. Officers are trained in four target areas annually, occupant protection, impaired driving, distracted driving, and speed enforcement. With budgets being tight, we focus a lot on in-house Roll Call training to keep officers informed on what changes are being made to the law and to refresh their previous training.

The Western Springs Police Department is comprised of the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, 4 Sergeants, 2 Detectives, 1 High School Resource Officer, 1 Crime Prevention Officer, and 11 Patrol Officers. In 2018, 100% of Patrol Officers received updates, new training, or are currently up to date in occupant protection, speed enforcement, and impaired driving detection and apprehension. Additionally, all of our sworn officers received various forms of other traffic safety-related training.

Officers conducting traffic enforcement training
at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy.



Command Staff attending a training update on
changes to Illinois laws.



II. OFFICER TRAINING

2018 Occupant Protection Training	Length	Date	# Of Officers	% Of Officers in Compliance
Roll Call Training: General Orders OP516 Child Passenger Safety; OP518 Transporting Detainees in Vehicles; OP502 Seat Belts; OP511 Enforcement of Occupant Restraint Laws	30 minutes	01/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Child Passenger Protection Act Refresher	30 minutes	01/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Illinois Occupant Protection Laws	15 minutes	04/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Seat Belt	30 minutes	06/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)
In-service training: Child Safety Seat Refresher by Officers Hull and Niezgodna (CPS Techs). Review of General Order OP516, Child Restraint Laws, how to recognize a properly installed child seat, and how to install and transport a child.	45 minutes - 1 hour	09/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)

Using the correct car seat or booster seat can be a lifesaver: make sure your child is always buckled in an age- and size-appropriate car seat or booster seat.

The infographic features a horizontal timeline at the top labeled 'Age by Years*' with markers from Birth to 12+. Below the timeline, four car seat types are illustrated with their corresponding age ranges and instructions:

- REAR-FACING CAR SEAT:** Birth until age 2-4. Buckle children in a rear-facing car seat until they reach the maximum weight or height limit of their car seat. Keep children rear-facing as long as possible.
- FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT:** After outgrowing rear-facing seat until at least age 5. When children outgrow their rear-facing car seat, they should be buckled in a forward-facing car seat until they reach the maximum weight or height limit of their car seat.
- BOOSTER SEAT:** After outgrowing forward-facing seat and until seat belts fit properly. Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat, they should be buckled in a booster seat until seat belts fit properly. Proper seat belt fit usually occurs when children are 4 feet 9 inches tall and age 9-12.
- SEAT BELT:** Once seat belts fit properly without a booster seat. Children no longer need to use a booster seat once seat belts fit them properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs (not the stomach) and the shoulder belt lays across the chest (not the neck).

Keep children ages 12 and under properly buckled in the back seat. Never place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active air bag.

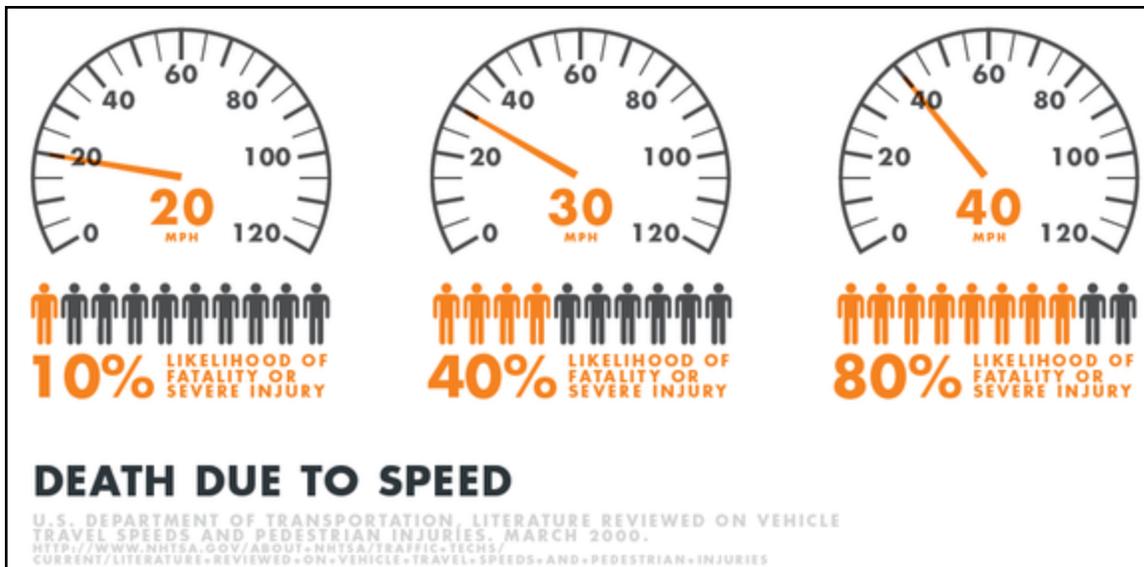
*Recommended age ranges for each seat type vary to account for differences in child growth and height/weight limits of car seats and booster seats. Use the car seat or booster seat owner's manual to check installation and the seat height and weight limits, and proper seat use.

Child safety seat recommendations: American Academy of Pediatrics.
Graphic design: adapted from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/cps



II. OFFICER TRAINING

2018 Speed Enforcement Training	Length	Date	# Of Officers	% Of Officers
Roll Call Training: General Order OP511 Traffic Enforcement, Speed-Measuring Devices.	10-15 minutes	01/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: LASER / LIDAR Refresher	45 minutes	03/2018 07/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)
In-Service Training: Speed Sentry Signs by Supervisor Strafaci Refresher	30 minutes	05/2018	15 (Patrol) 19 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 90% (Sworn)
The Police Law Institute Illinois Monthly Legal Update & Review Lesson: Vehicle Stops	30 minutes - 1 hour	06/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Police Traffic Radar Training Refresher: Radar operation by Certified Radar Trainer Sgt. Rourke, training focus on accurate identification of offending vehicle and operation of units	30 minutes	07/2018	15 (Patrol) 19 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Update on Speed Enforcement	30 minutes	08/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Misdemeanor Speeding Refresher	15 minutes	11/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)



II. OFFICER TRAINING

2018 Impaired Driving Training	Length	Date	# Of Officers	% Of Officers in
NEMRT: Drugged Driver Detection	24 hours	04/18 08/18	3	20% (Patrol)
NEMRT: Breathe Alcohol Testing	24 hours	04/18 07/18	3	20% (Patrol)
NEMRT: SFST Refresher Training	8 hours	11/2018	1	6.7% (Patrol)
NEMRT: Basic DUI Enforcement	8 hours	08/18	1	6.7% (Patrol)
ILETSB: Comprehensive DUI Awareness	8 hours	11/2018	1	6.7% (Patrol)
ISP: Breath Analysis Operator Re-Certification	2 hours	09/2018 09/2018	3	20% (Patrol)



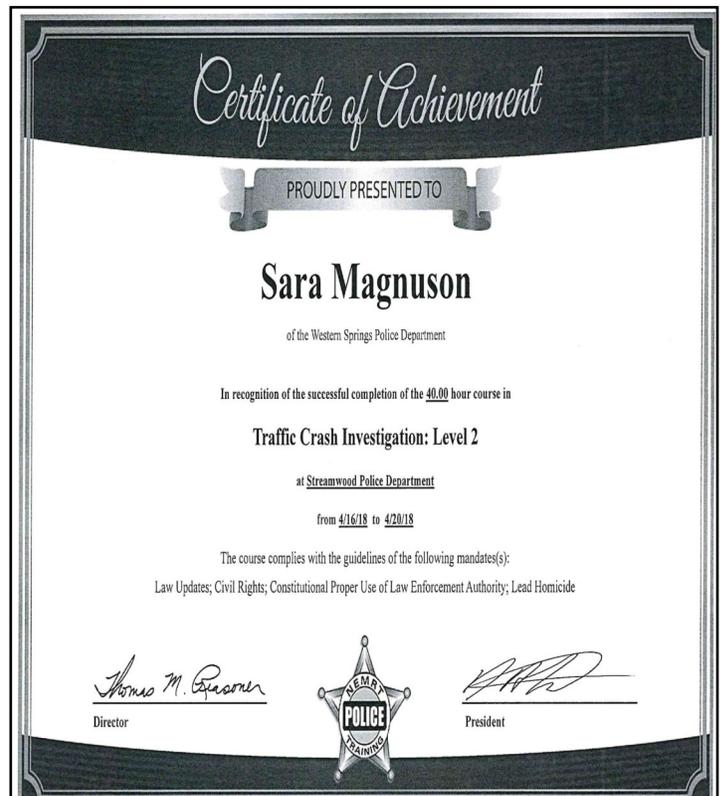
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2018 Impaired Driving Training	Length	Date	# Of Officers	% Of Officers in
Roll Call Training: DUI / FST / PBT review	30 minutes	03/2018	15 (Patrol) 19 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: General Order OP526, DUI Review	45 minutes	06/2018	15 (Patrol) 19 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: DUI—Field Tests	15 - 30 minutes	06/2018	15 (Patrol) 19 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: DUI Enforcement	30 minutes	07/2018	15 (Patrol) 19 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: DUI Flow Chart Review, Alcohol, Drugs, zero tolerance, commercial drivers, and accidents	45 minutes	07/2018	15 (Patrol) 19 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 90% (Sworn)
The Police Law Institute Illinois Monthly Legal Update & Review Lesson: Anonymous Tips about Danger; DUI—Basis for Stop	1 hour	08/2018	15 (Patrol) 21 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 100% (Sworn)
In-service Training: DUI Refresher conducted by each shift's patrol Sgt. Includes identifying a DUI stop, performance of FST's and arrest	1 hours	09/2018	15 (Patrol) 18 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 85% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Breathalyzer Information	15 - 30 minutes	12/2018	15 (Patrol) 18 (Sworn)	100% (Patrol) 85% (Sworn)

II. OFFICER TRAINING

2018 Roll Call Training	# Of Officers	% Of Officers in Compliance
Roll Call Training: Street Stops	15 (Patrol)	100% (Patrol)
	19 (Sworn)	90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Felony Stops	15 (Patrol)	100% (Patrol)
	19 (Sworn)	90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Pedestrian Crossings	15 (Patrol)	100% (Patrol)
	19 (Sworn)	90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: DUMEG Drug Enforcement	15 (Patrol)	100% (Patrol)
	19 (Sworn)	90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: ILCS 12-610 Electronic Communication Review	15 (Patrol)	100% (Patrol)
	19 (Sworn)	90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: School Zones	15 (Patrol)	100% (Patrol)
	19 (Sworn)	90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Railroad Crossings	15 (Patrol)	100% (Patrol)
	19 (Sworn)	90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Underage Drinking	15 (Patrol)	100% (Patrol)
	19 (Sworn)	90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: High Risk Vehicle Stops	15 (Patrol)	100% (Patrol)
	19 (Sworn)	90% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: IVC Refresher	14 (Patrol)	93% (Patrol)
	18 (Sworn)	85% (Sworn)
Roll Call Training: Traffic Arrests	14 (Patrol)	93% (Patrol)
	18 (Sworn)	85% (Sworn)
Web Based Training Course: Illinois Vehicle Code Violation Scenarios	14 (Patrol)	93% (Patrol)
	18 (Sworn)	85% (Sworn)
The Police Law Institute Illinois Monthly Legal Update & Review Lesson: Investigations During Traffic	14 (Patrol)	93% (Patrol)
	18 (Sworn)	85% (Sworn)
NEMRT: Traffic Crash Investigation: Level 2	1 (Patrol)	6% (Sworn)

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2018 TRAFFIC SAFETY TRAINING CERTIFICATES



III. INCENTIVES & RECOGNITION

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

The Western Springs Police Department values the importance of acknowledging and recognizing the accomplishments and/or actions of the members of the department for exceptional performance, achievements, and acts of service. On May 19, 2008, the department added the Special Enforcement Recognition to General Order P408. Every year these awards are given to members of the department for outstanding achievement in the categories of seat belt, child safety seat, speed, and DUI enforcement. The awards are presented in the form of a award certificate and a gift card.



**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD FOR:
CHILD SAFETY BELT / SEAT BELT
ENFORCEMENT
RAILROAD ENFORCEMENT
Photo: Officer William Romanow**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD FOR:
SPEED ENFORCEMENT
Photo: Officer Sean O'Loughlin**



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**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD FOR:**

DISTRACTED DRIVING

Photo: Officer Sara Magnuson

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FOR:**

DUI ENFORCEMENT

Photo: Officer Meagan McPherson



III. INCENTIVES & RECOGNITION

STATISTICAL REPORT

The Statistical Report recognizes officers for tickets, citation statistics, top 3 officers for adult custodial arrests, top 3 officers for certain traffic contacts, top 3 officers for officer initiated activity, quarterly crash data, top crash locations, and other items of interest.

DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL M. ALBRECHT
WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

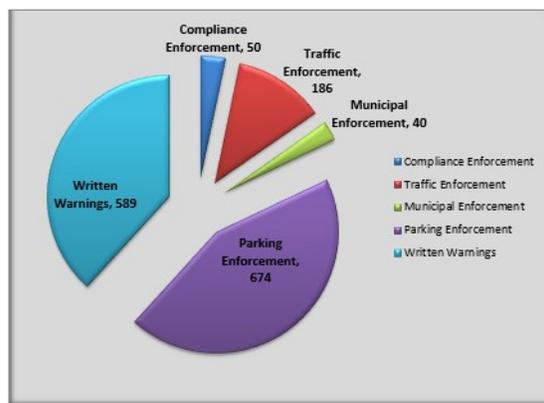


MEMORANDUM

Date: April 6, 2018

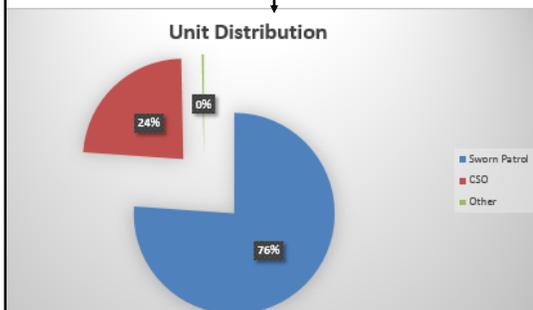
To: All Personnel

RE: 2018 First Quarter – Statistical Report



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Department statistics during 2018



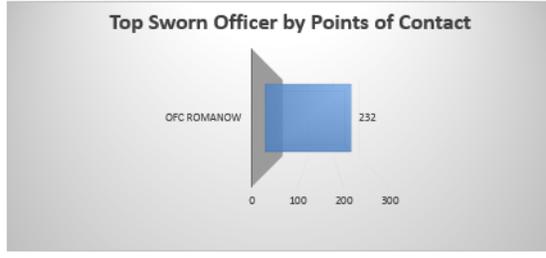
POINT OF CONTACT STATISTICS
1st quarter – 2018

1,536 points of contact were issued during the First Quarter of 2018
* This was a 35% INCREASE from the First Quarter of 2017

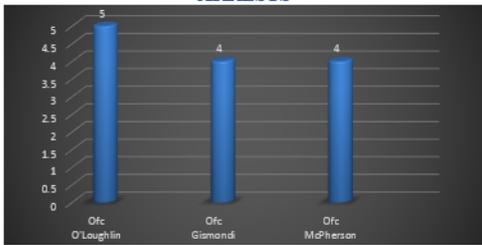
- ✓ Compliance tickets – increased 31.5%
- ✓ Written warnings – increased 11.3%
- ✓ Parking tickets – increased 83.1%
- ✓ M-tickets – increased 14.3%
- ✓ Y-tickets – increased 15.5%
- ✓ Totals equal 17.1 citations per day
- ✓ 5.7 citations per 8.5 hour shift
- ✓ 0.7125 citations per hour

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STATISTICAL REPORT CONTINUED



TOP RANKING OFFICERS – ADULT CUSTODIAL ARRESTS



* 24 adult custodial arrests in 2nd quarter
 * 8 arrests per month

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Officer recognition for traffic citations and adult arrests.

Points of Contact
 (Top Officers by Category) – 2nd quarter

Speeding Contacts	DUI Arrests	Seat Belt/Child Seat	Railroad Violations
Ofc. O'Loughlin 64	Three Officers 1	Ofc. Hass 8	Ofc. Hass 4

Selected Officer Initiated Activity
 (Top Officers by Category) – 2nd quarter

Chart Area

Found Open Door	Municipal Contacts	Overweight/width/length Truck Contacts
Ofc. Romanow 56	Ofc. McPherson 12	NONE

Officer recognition for traffic contacts and crash report data

Traffic Crash Data
 2018 – 2nd quarter

** 77 total reported traffic crashes in Second Quarter – An 11% decrease from the Second Quarter in 2017.

** The most common age is between 41 - 50 years old.

** 9 crashes had initially reported injuries in the Second Quarter.

** The most crashes occurred either on Monday or Thursday in the Second Quarter.

** 43% of accidents occurred between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

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STATISTICAL REPORT CONTINUED

Top 3 Crash Locations in the 2nd quarter (occurred at or near below locations)

1. Ogden Ave. & Wolf Rd.
2. Wolf Rd. & 47th St.
3. Wolf Rd. / Hillgrove Ave.

Items of Interest

- 2,384 documented calls for service during the Second Quarter.
- The busiest day of the week in terms of call volume was Wednesday (16.7% of total call volume).
- Least call volume was Sunday (11.5% of calls).
- An average of 26.19 calls per day (includes all traffic stop activity).
*1.09 calls/hr
- 749 total traffic stops initiated in the Second Quarter – 8.23 stops/day.
- 79 adult case files generated in Second Quarter.

Top crash locations and interesting statistics during 2018

Top 3 Crash Locations in the 3rd quarter (occurred at or near below locations)

1. Ogden Ave. & Wolf Rd.
2. Wolf Rd. & 47th St.
3. Ogden Ave / Woodland Ave.

Items of Interest

- 2,539 documented calls for service during the Third Quarter.
- The busiest day of the week in terms of call volume was Thursday (15.4% of total call volume).
- Least call volume was Sunday (12.9% of calls).
- Busiest call times are between 8 – 10 am and 5 – 7 pm.
- An average of 27.6 calls per day (includes all traffic stop activity).
*1.15 calls/hr
- 767 total traffic stops initiated in the Third Quarter – 8.34 stops/day.
- 97 adult case files generated in Third Quarter.

III. INCENTIVES & RECOGNITION

AAIM AWARD RECOGNITION

In 2018, the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) recognized two of our officers for their DUI enforcement and helping keep our roads safe. The awards were presented to:

SERGEANT JOHN PIEST

OFFICER MICHAEL BELCASTRO



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HOME SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT ON THE 50 SAFEST CITIES IN ILLINOIS

National Council for Home Safety and Security report in February detailing the 50 safest cities in Illinois. Western Springs was awarded first (1) place.

Western Springs Ranked As Safest Town In Illinois

Western Springs ranked number one in a new study of the safest cities in Illinois.

By Andrea Earnest, Patch Staff | Feb 14, 2018 9:40 pm ET

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WESTERN SPRINGS, IL — Western Springs ranked number one in a new study of the safest cities in Illinois from the National Council for Home Safety and Security. Western Springs ranked No. 1 out of 206 cities on the list, followed by Channahon and Campton Hills.

Western Springs has a population of 13,446 and 0 violent crimes, according to the study. It had 35 property crimes, and 2.6 property crimes per 1,000 people.

2018 NICHE REPORT ON THE 100 BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN ILLINOIS

NICHE report in March detailing the 50 safest cities in Illinois. Western Springs was awarded fourth (4) place.

The 100 Best Places To Live In Illinois Ranked

Niche's new rankings of best places to live ranked communities from A+ to D- See how your community did.

By Joe Vince, Patch Staff | Mar 12, 2018 7:00 am ET | Updated Mar 12, 2018 8:00 am ET

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Clarendon Hills was ranked the best place to live in Illinois on a new list released by Niche. The community in the state, received the top spot as one of the best places to live for 2018.

According to Niche, these are the 100 best communities to live in Illinois:

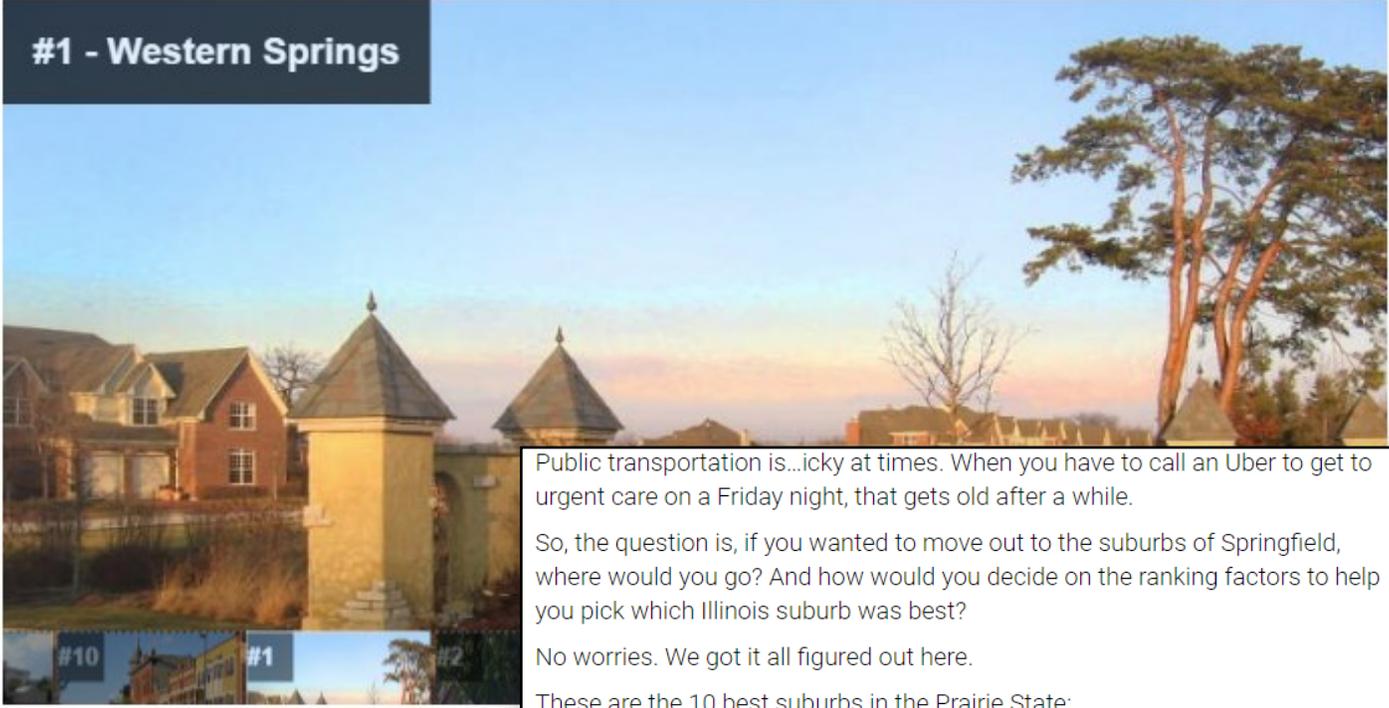
1. Clarendon Hills
2. Buffalo Grove
3. Naperville
4. Western Springs
5. Oak Park
6. Indian Head Park
7. Long Grove
8. Hinsdale
9. Evanston
10. Printers Row

2018 HOMESNACKS REPORT ON THE BEST SUBURBS IN ILLINOIS FOR 2018

Homesnacks report in February detailing the 50 safest cities in Illinois. Western Springs was awarded first (1) place.

These Are The 10 Best Suburbs In Illinois For 2018

We used science and data to determine the best suburbs in Illinois for you to live.



#1 - Western Springs

Public transportation is...icky at times. When you have to call an Uber to get to urgent care on a Friday night, that gets old after a while.

So, the question is, if you wanted to move out to the suburbs of Springfield, where would you go? And how would you decide on the ranking factors to help you pick which Illinois suburb was best?

No worries. We got it all figured out here.

These are the 10 best suburbs in the Prairie State:

1. [Western Springs \(Photos\)](#)
2. [Deerfield \(Photos\)](#)
3. [Northbrook \(Photos\)](#)
4. [Winnetka \(Photos\)](#)
5. [Wilmette \(Photos\)](#)
6. [Buffalo Grove \(Photos\)](#)
7. [Hinsdale \(Photos\)](#)
8. [Lake Forest \(Photos\)](#)
9. [Winfield \(Photos\)](#)
10. [Northfield \(Photos\)](#)

Western Springs is the place to be when it comes to being a soccer mom in suburban Illinois.

So if you're thinking of packing up your mini van and making a move to a quiet place to live in Illinois, we've got you covered.

Keep on reading for a detailed methodology. Or, check out the [best places to live in Illinois](#) and the [best places to raise a family in Illinois](#).

The 50 best suburbs in America, ranked

Myelle Lansat Sep. 16, 2018, 9:38 AM



23. Western Springs, Illinois



Western Springs is a suburb of Chicago. [Facebook/Village of Western Springs](#)

Population: 13,133

Median home value: \$530,800

Median household income: \$147,361

Crime & safety grade: A

Rankings for Western Springs in Illinois



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS

Members of the Western Springs Police Department place high importance on public information and education in an effort to increase voluntary compliance. They are involved in many different safety groups and safety commissions including staff liaison to the Western Springs Transportation and Safety Commission, Illinois Crime Prevention Association, Operation Lifesaver, and Illinois Association of Technical Accident Investigators. Active involvement in these organizations is an integral part of our overall traffic safety efforts.

In 2018, the emphasis of our efforts was centered on occupant protection, impaired driving, speeding, railroad safety, distracted driving, and bicycle safety. To accomplish this, we started here at the Police Department and expanded into the community. We have strong partnerships with the high school, elementary, and middle schools, local PTO and PTA's, Senior Services, local newspapers *The Doings* and our local *Patch*, along with our local businesses. The Department participated in the Labor Day, "Click It Or Ticket" Campaigns, St. Patrick's Day, and Thanksgiving Holiday, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns. We also participated in "Buckle Up Your Valentine" and "Seat Check Saturday." We conducted speed enforcement and distracted driving details and we conducted separate railroad safety campaigns. We also continued with our annual Safety Village and Illinois Rail Safety campaigns.

Our residents visit the Western Springs Police Department and Village Lobby each day. This presents us the opportunity to provide educational materials that are targeted to our traffic safety initiatives. The village office is across the hall from the police lobby window and they help promote our cause by displaying posters and having additional pamphlets available at their assistance window.

(Photos) Educational pamphlets and posters in the Western Springs Police Department Lobby.



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS

TELEVISION IN THE VILLAGE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY



Every 40 minutes, approximately 20 hours a day, channel 6 shows slides relating to train safety. These were shown throughout 2018, approximately 12,000 times or close to 30 times a day.



PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS

MAY / JUNE 2018 TOWER TOPICS GOING OVER CURFEW LAWS

Friendly Summer Reminders...



Block Parties

Planning a block party? A consent form must be submitted at least two weeks before your party. The form is available at www.wsprings.com or at Village Hall.

Call Before You Dig

All projects outdoors, including the smallest task, require a call to JULIE. Just dial 811. One call does it all to protect you from digging where utilities are buried—it's simple, it's safe, and it's the law.

Check Before You Build

Many summer home and yard projects require building permits obtained from the Village before any work can begin. The Village of Western Springs uses building permits as a tool to ensure that established standards for design and construction are followed. These building design and construction standards have been created to protect public health, safety, and welfare. Guidelines and the building permit form are available at www.wsprings.com or can be obtained by calling the Community Development office at 708-246-1800, ext. 180.

Curfew Law

Parents are reminded that it is unlawful for anyone less than 17 years of age to be at or upon any public place, unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible companion at least 18 years of age, after curfew. Curfew hours are between midnight and 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. These curfew hours are not the same curfew hours for a minor driving a motor vehicle. Please refer to www.cyberdriveillinois.com for details on the hours and restrictions related to operating motor vehicles.

Fireworks Safety

Residents are advised to leave all fireworks displays to the professionals. Fireworks are illegal in Illinois. However, certain novelty fireworks such as sparklers, snakes, and party-poppers

are not regulated by the State of Illinois and may be used with great caution. Sparklers burn at temperatures of up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and remain extremely hot long after the sparks have stopped. Children playing with novelty fireworks must be closely supervised by adults to prevent injury.

Lawn Maintenance

Grass is not permitted to grow to a height exceeding eight inches. For properties needing attention, please contact the Community Development office at 708-246-1800, ext. 177. When mowing your lawn, remember that grass clippings should not be blown in the streets. These clippings clog storm sewers, which can cause street flooding.

Noise Restrictions

Motorized lawn maintenance equipment can only be used during the following hours:

- Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Penalty Fee

Vehicle license stickers purchased after June 1 will cost \$70. This includes \$35 for the sticker and a \$35 penalty fee. Vehicle stickers expire every April 30 and new ones must be displayed by May 1.

Pet Peeves

Pet owners, please be considerate of others by not allowing your pet to be shut up or tied in a yard, house, or other place in the Village that causes your pet to bark, howl, or produce other noises that disturb the peace and quiet of any individual, family, or neighborhood. Violators will be subject to a fine.

When walking your pet, do not allow the pet to defecate upon the property of your neighbors, churches, schools, parks, or any public property. Please carry a device for the immediate removal of any excrement from your animal at all times.



The Western Springs Police Department

Would like to remind all residents of the following tips:

- Please keep vehicle doors and windows closed and locked at all times.
- Lock the trunk, hatchback, or tailgate to block access into your vehicle.
- Always take your keys with you.
- If your vehicle has an alarm system, use it. If you do not have a security system installed, it is worth the investment. It may also qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance.
- Remove visible items (cash, wallet, purse, smart phones, etc.) from the vehicle.

**DON'T CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRIME!
LOCK IT,
REMOVE IT,
OR
LOSE IT!**

Arbor Day Celebration

In honor of Arbor Day 2018, the Village proclaimed April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day in the Village of Western Springs and held a celebration at Field Park Elementary at 1:30 p.m. The event included the planting of an accolade hybrid elm and presentations by Trustee Sheila Hansen, Village staff, and students of Field Park Elementary School.



For the 34th year, Western Springs will apply to be a Tree City USA with the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Service. The Village is committed to the aesthetic beauty and environmental aid trees bring to the environment. The Tree Planting Program has helped with this effort by replacing sick or dead trees and adding trees to the community. The Village intends to continue its dedication toward retaining the coveted title of Tree City USA.

IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL - LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH CAMPUS

The Western Springs Police Department has been working jointly with Lyons Township High School (LTHS) District 204 since 1954. The junior and the senior north campus is located in LaGrange. The LTHS freshman and the sophomore south campus is located in Western Springs along with the Driver's Education Department. There is a School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the high school full time. This officer helps promote driver safety through the Driver's Education program by speaking to the students about safety belt usage, obeying the speed laws, driving with your full attention on the roadway, and impaired driving. The SRO participates in all of the in-school and after-school events including sporting events, dances, and pep rallies, while always promoting safety. She also puts out pamphlets and handouts relating to safety belt use, obeying the speed laws, distracted driving, and impaired driving.

Lyons Township High School starts year with police resource officers at both campuses



Niezgoda, 30, said she has been a full-time Western Springs police officer since December 2013. She graduated from Riverside-Brookfield High School and earned a bachelor's in business administration from DeVry University.

Prior to that, she worked in 911 telecommunications.

She's married, with no children, but does have three dogs.

Niezgoda said that she looked forward to working with students to make a positive difference in their lives.

"While school resource officers are law enforcement officers, they also wear many hats being educators, emergency managers, mentors and informal counselors," she said. "I think it's just educating people students, parents and staff about the topics and what resources are out there."



DISTRACTED DRIVING "IMPACT MOURNING PARENTS ACT" PAMPHLETS

Impact Safety Pamphlet handout and a contract between students and parents displayed and given out to students at the high school.

Feedback Corner

"Thank you so much for sharing your stories. I think that out of all the safety assemblies we have had, your presentation was the best and impacted our class the most."

"Our staff and students are still talking about your stories and the facts that you presented. They are openly talking about changes in their life and how they will approach the decisions their friends and family make. Their reaction confirms the importance of your work."

"I will not be afraid to speak up if I don't like the way the driver is driving."

"Today I wore my seatbelt, and yesterday I didn't. Thanks."

"I've always known drinking and driving was a bad idea, but I did it anyway. The perspective of the mothers made me think of my own mother and how she would feel. I could never do that to her. I will never take that risk again."

"I have learned to think about the decisions that I make before I get myself into a stupid situation. Before you came I would always do what my friends wanted to do like most teenagers would, but not anymore. I truly want to thank you for changing my life for the better and sharing your stories."

"The point was delivered with strong and convincing evidence. It moved me, and the audience was more quiet than I have ever heard it."




In Loving Memory of Our Children

Grandchildren, Brothers, Sisters, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, Friends

To volunteer, sponsor, or for membership information please contact:
Sherry Chapman, President

MOURNING PARENTS ACT, INC.
WWW.MOURNINGPARENTSACT.ORG

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Coventry, CT 06238

Phone: 860-742-8933
E-mail: RyanMom@mourningparentsact.org

What is IMPACT?

In December 2002, within an eleven-day period and a twenty-five mile radius, five teenage boys were killed in three separate car crashes in Connecticut. The parents of three of those boys joined forces to found **Mourning Parents ACT, Inc.**, also known as **IMPACT**. Since then, membership has grown to include other bereaved family members and friends, as well as teen crash survivors.

IMPACT is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to eliminate tragedies caused by inexperienced drivers through awareness, education and legislation.

What does IMPACT do?

IMPACT has developed a teen driving safety program in which members share their experiences in a powerfully emotional presentation that not only has an immediate effect on students, but makes a lasting impression on them. Feedback from attendees indicates that this program effectively reduces risky driving/riding behavior in teens.

IMPACT has also developed a program for parents, educators and law enforcement officials; and is working to advance legislation that will protect teen drivers, their passengers and the people who share the roads with them.

Thanks to the donations of sponsors and the help of volunteers, **IMPACT** made presentations to over 23,000 teens and parents this past year. We also expanded our awareness campaign with the purchase of additional **IMPACT** highway safety billboards.

Schedule an IMPACT Presentation



Our IMPACT family with WFSB's Scott Haney at our annual Tee Off For Teen Driving Safety golf tournament fundraiser.

Contact Us - If you would like **IMPACT** to visit your school or organization. There is no fee to high schools.

Involve Students - Identify student groups and get them involved. You will get the added energy, excitement and sense of ownership that will provide the basis for a successful program.

Be Sensitive - If your school or organization has suffered losses due to automobile accidents, be sensitive to students. **IMPACT** presentations are often emotionally charged. Offer an opt-out option for anyone who does not feel comfortable participating.

Teens - Ask about how you can help raise teen safe driving awareness, and get some community service hours!



IMPACT Founder Sherry Chapman with Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

Sherry Chapman with Christopher Dodd promoting **STANDUP Act** in Washington



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DISTRACTED DRIVING “IMPACT MOURNING PARENTS ACT” CONTRACT

Impact Safety Pamphlet handout and a contract between students and parents displayed and given out to students at the high school.



Teen-Parent Driving Contract

Please read, discuss and come to an agreement on each part of this contract with your newly-licensed teen driver. This proven method will help reduce the chance of a serious motor vehicle crash.

Speeding	Knowing that speed-related crashes account for 44% of fatalities among 15-20 year old drivers, I agree to obey the posted speed limit. If I violate this rule, I understand that I will lose my driving privileges for _____ (time period) and/or other penalty: _____
Passengers	Knowing that the presence of just one teen passenger doubles the chance of a fatal crash, I agree to drive only with a parent/guardian or driving instructor for the first six months of having my license. After six months and during the first year, I agree to drive only with immediate family. I will not drive with a teen passenger who is not in my immediate family for the first year of having my license. If I violate these rules I understand that I will lose my driving privileges for _____ (time period) and/or other penalty: _____
Night Driving	Knowing that the risk of a fatal crash is about three times higher for teens at night than during the day, I will not drive during the hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. until I reach the age of 18. If I violate this rule, I understand that I will lose my driving privileges for _____ (time period) and/or other penalty: _____
Drinking and Driving	Knowing that drunk driving causes one of every four fatal teen crashes, I agree to never drink and drive or to ride in the care of someone who has been drinking or doing drugs. If I violate this rule, I understand that I will lose my driving privileges for _____ (time period) and/or other penalty: _____
Seatbelts	Knowing that using seat belts can reduce the risk of dying in a car crash by 45%, I agree to where my seatbelt at all times and I will make sure my passengers wear their seatbelts. If I violate this rule, I understand that I will lose my driving privileges for _____ (time period) and/or other penalty: _____
Cell phones and other distractions	Knowing that talking on a cell phone while driving gives me the reaction time of a 70-year-old, I will not use a cell phone while driving. I will not text message or play loud music while driving. If I violate these rules I understand that I will lose my driving privileges for _____ (time period) and/or other penalty: _____

Teen

I promise to abide by the rules outlined above. If I break any part of this contract, I will accept the consequences.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent

I promise to be a positive role model and to provide transportation home for you when you cannot get a safe ride.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

DISTRACTED DRIVING PARENT—TEEN DRIVING AGREEMENT CONTRACT

The American Academy of Pediatrics has a Parent-Teen Driving Agreement that we also handout to students and parents at the high school.



American Academy of Pediatrics


 DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™

Parent-Teen Driving Agreement

I, _____, will drive carefully and cautiously and will be courteous to other drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians at all times.

I promise that I will obey all the rules of the road.

- Always wear a seat belt and make all my passengers buckle up
- Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings
- Stay within the speed limit and drive safely
- Never use the car to race or to try to impress others
- Never give rides to hitchhikers

I promise that I will make sure I can stay focused on driving.

- Drive with both hands on the wheel
- Never eat, drink, or use a cell phone to talk or text messages while I drive
- Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control
- Call my parents for a ride home if I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely
- Never use earphones to listen to mp3 player or other electronic devices while I drive

I promise that I will respect laws about drugs and alcohol.

- Drive only when I am alcohol and drug free
- Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car
- Be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol and drug free

I promise that I will be a responsible driver.

- Drive only when I have permission to use the car and I will not let anyone else drive the car unless I have permission
- Drive someone else's car only if I have parental permission
- Pay for all traffic citations or parking tickets
- Complete my family responsibilities and maintain good grades at school as listed here: _____
- Contribute to the costs of gasoline, maintenance, and insurance as listed here: _____

-Continued-

VISIT WWW.CDC.GOV/PARENTSARETHEKEY TO GET GOING.



Additional Promises: _____

I agree to the following restrictions, but understand that these restrictions will be modified by my parents as I get more driving experience and demonstrate that I am a responsible driver.

- For the next ____ months, I will not drive after ____ pm.
- For the next ____ months, I will not transport more than ____ teen passengers (unless I am supervised by a responsible adult).
- For the next ____ months, I won't adjust the stereo, electronic devices, or air conditioning/heater while the car is moving.
- For the next ____ months, I will not drive in bad weather.
- I understand that I am not permitted to drive to off-limit locations or on roads and highways as listed here: _____

• Additional restrictions: _____

I agree to follow all the rules and restrictions in this contract. I understand that my parents will impose penalties (see below), including removal of my driving privileges, if I violate the contract. I also understand that my parents will allow me greater driving privileges as I become more experienced and as I demonstrate that I am always a safe and responsible driver.

Penalties for contract violations

- Drove after drinking alcohol or using drugs No driving for ____ months
- Got ticket for speeding or moving violation No driving for ____ months
- Drove after night driving curfew No driving for ____ weeks/months
- Drove too many passengers No driving for ____ weeks/months
- Broke promise about seat belts (self and others) No driving for ____ weeks/months
- Drove on a road or to an area that is off-limits No driving for ____ weeks/months

Signatures

Driver: _____ Date: _____

Parent promise: I also agree to drive safely and to be an excellent role model.

Parent (or guardian): _____ Date: _____ Parent (or guardian): _____ Date: _____

Adapted from the American Academy of Pediatrics "Parent-Teen Driving Agreement" (www.aap.org/publiced/BB_TeenDriver.htm)

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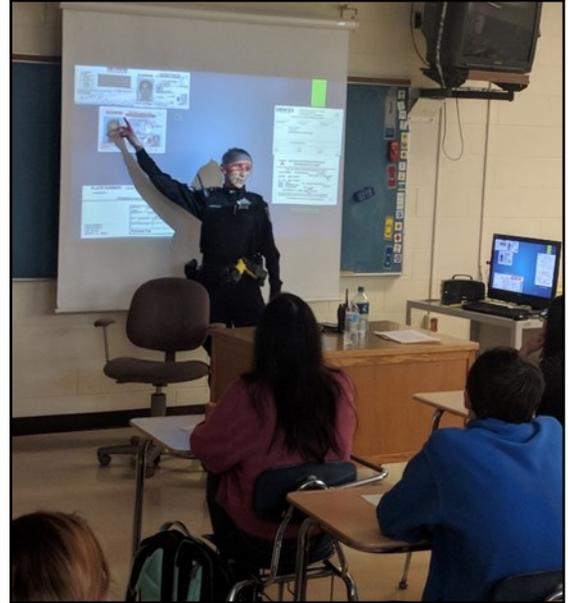


IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICERS TALK DRIVING SAFETY

Ofc. Niezgodna talks driving, speeding, and bicycle safety At Lyons Township South Campus driver's education classes.



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL - EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The SRO provides students with promotional literature.

<p>ARE YOU AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER? DO YOU!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express frustration. Taking out your frustrations on your fellow motorists can lead to violence or a crash. Fail to pay attention when driving. Reading, eating, drinking or talking on the phone can be a major cause of roadway crashes. Talkback. This is a major cause of crashes that can result in serious crashes or injuries. Make frequent Lane Changes. If you whip in and out of lanes to advance ahead, you can be a danger to other motorists. Run red lights. Do not enter an intersection on a yellow light. Remember flashing red lights should be treated as a stop sign. Speed. Going faster than the posted speed limit, being a "road racer" and going too fast for conditions are some examples of speeding. 	<p>LIFE IN THE FAST LANE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan ahead. Allow yourself extra time. Concentrate. Do not allow yourself to become distracted by talking on your cellular phone, eating, drinking or putting on makeup. Relax. Turn the radio to your favorite relaxing music. Music can calm your nerves and help you to enjoy your time in the car. Drive the posted speed limit. Fewer crashes occur when vehicles are traveling at or about the same speed. Identify alternate routes. Try mapping out an alternate route. Even if it takes longer on paper, you may find it is less congested. Use public transportation. Public transportation can give you some much-needed relief from the behind the wheel. Just be late. If all else fails, just be late. 	<p>WHEN CONFRONTED WITH AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get out of the way. First and foremost make every attempt to get out of their way. Put your phone away. Do not challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold them in your travel lane. Avoid eye contact. Eye contact can sometimes engage an aggressive driver. Secure. Ignore gestures and refuse to return them. Report serious aggressive driving. You or a passenger may call the police. But, if you use a cell phone, pull over to a safe location. 	<p>Para mayor información, visite nuestra página web</p> <p>For more information, see us on the web</p> <p>www.nhtsa.dot.gov www.nhtsa.dot.gov</p>	<p>State of Illinois Division of Transportation</p> <p>STOP AGGRESSIVE DRIVING</p>
<p>¿ES UN CONDUCTOR AGRESIVO...? ¿SÍ USTED!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expresa su frustración al volante. Esto puede conducir a un choque o a un acto de violencia. Se distrae al manejar. Leer, comer o hablar por teléfono pueden ser la causa de varios choques. No mantiene su distancia. Cambiar demasiado cerca del auto que tiene delante es una de las principales causas de muchos choques. Cambiar de carril frecuentemente. "Saltar" carril del tráfico para adelantar a otros vehículos puede ser muy peligroso. Se pasa la luz roja. No cruce intersecciones si la luz se cambió a amarillo. Recuerde que las luces rojas intermitentes se consideran como luz roja. Excede el límite de velocidad. Ir demasiado rápido cuando conducen constituye otros tipos de choques. 	<p>COMO CONDUCIR CON CUIDADO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planifique. Déjese más tiempo del estrictamente necesario. Concéntrate. No se distraiga hablando por teléfono, comiendo o poniéndose maquillaje. Relájese. Ponga música suave y relajante en la radio. La música puede ayudar a calmar sus nervios y a disfrutar el viaje. Maneje a la velocidad indicada. Menos choques ocurren cuando los vehículos van a más o menos la misma velocidad. Disque rutas alternas. A veces la ruta que parece más larga en el mapa puede ser la más rápida. Use el transporte público. Ojalá alguien más le ayude a manejar. Sólo sea tarde. Si todo lo demás falla, sólo sea tarde. 	<p>QUE HACER SI LO CONFRONTA UN CONDUCTOR AGRESIVO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sálgase de su camino. Primero y antes que nada, retírese de su camino. Quite su teléfono de todo. No lo deslice comprobando con él o tratando de mantenerse en su carril. Evite el contacto visual. Mirar a un conductor agresivo a los ojos puede involucrarlo aún más. Ignórela. Ignore sus gestos y rechace desafíos. Denuncie a los conductores agresivos. Usted o un pasajero puede llamar a la policía. Pero, si usa un teléfono celular, deténgase en un lugar seguro antes de llamar. 	<p>Para mayor información, visite nuestra página web</p> <p>For more information, see us on the web</p> <p>www.nhtsa.dot.gov www.nhtsa.dot.gov</p>	<p>State of Illinois Division of Transportation</p> <p>ALTO AL MANEJO AGRESIVO</p> <p>Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety</p>

DISTRACTED DRIVING HANDOUTS AND PAMPHLETS

BUCKLE UP!

CLICK IT OR TICKET

**KIDS
TEENS
ADULTS**

Illinois Department of Transportation

www.BUCKLEUPILLINOIS.org

What is Being Done?
Current Illinois laws in place to deter cell phone use while driving:

1. As of Jan 1, 2014, Illinois prohibits use of all hand-held devices while driving, allowing only hands-free or headsets usage.
2. Ban on cell phone (hands-free and hand-held) use by school bus drivers.
3. Ban on cell phone (hands-free and hand-held) use by novice drivers.
4. Ban on cell phone use (hands-free and hand-held) in construction and schools zones.
5. Ban on texting for all drivers.
6. Ban on cell phone use (hands-free and hand-held) by all commercial vehicle drivers.

PHONE IN ONE HAND TICKET IN THE OTHER

DROP IT AND DRIVE.

www.TEENSAFDRIVINGILLINOIS.org

Illinois Department of Transportation

Distracted Driving
Definition: Distracted driving is any nondriving activity a person engages in that takes attention away from the primary task of driving.
Distracted driving is one of the most dangerous activities that almost everyone is guilty of doing. Finding a way to stop this activity in Illinois has become a priority at the Illinois Department of Transportation.

3 Key Points to Safe Driving

1. Manual keep hands on the wheel
2. Cognitive keep mind on driving
3. Visual keep eyes on road

Examples of Distracted Driving:

1. Texting
2. Talking on the phone
3. Eating
4. Grooming
5. Daydreaming
6. Reaching for an object
7. Listening to loud music
8. Reading anything other than road signs
9. Any activity requiring a driver to stop thinking about driving and look away from the road or take hands off the steering wheel.

Consequences of Distracted Driving
Not all results of distracted driving are defined. What little control you have over your car while driving distracted can effect you and others in serious ways.
Examples of the consequences are listed below:

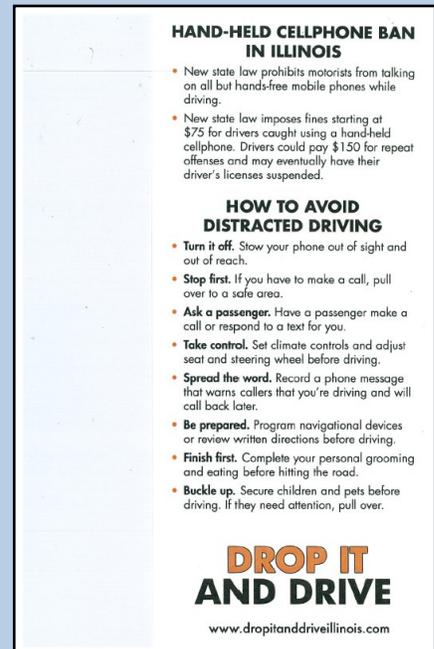
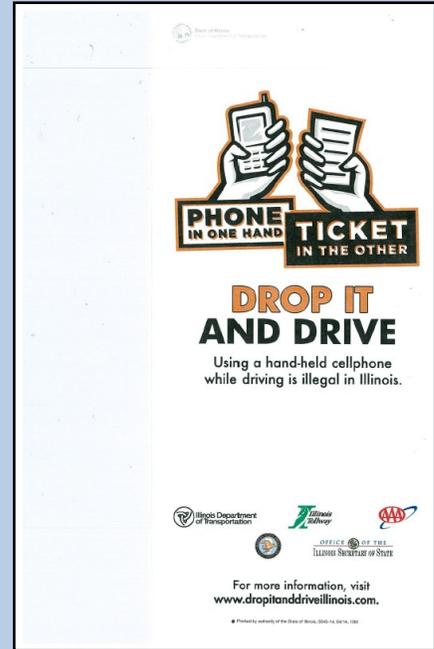
1. Death
2. Crashes
3. Tickets / fines
4. Jail Time
5. Emotional Damage
6. Limited employment opportunities

Teens and Distracted Driving
The unmistakable, invincible power teens feel behind the wheel contributes to many traffic crashes each year. Teens are novice drivers and if there is a cell phone in their hands, the likelihood of a crash occurring is four times higher. It is critical to deter teen cell phone use while driving.
For more information on preventing distracted driving please visit www.TEENSAFDRIVINGILLINOIS.org

OTSD
(Operator Tired, Stressed, Distracted)

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of teens!

DISTRACTED DRIVING HANDOUTS AND PAMPHLETS



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL - ATHLETIC POLICY

LTHS Student Athletic/Activities Registration Form: Students participating in extracurricular activities at the high school must pledge to be alcohol and drug free and not engage in any form of objectionable behavior. Participants are also not allowed to be present where those actions occur. Consequences for violating this policy could involve the loss of participation in the extracurricular activity, suspension, community service hours, and/or substance abuse counseling. The disciplinary code is enforced on and off the high school campus. Below is a copy of the form.

Student Activities continued
Every participating student in activities or athletics MUST complete a Student Activities Registration Form for each activity and must attend Co-Curricular Night with a parent and complete a co-curricular code.

- 1. STUDENT ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT
PURPOSE: Participating in student activities is considered an extension of, but separate from, the regular high school program. While the regular curricular program is a right afforded to each student, participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege and, as such, carries certain expectations beyond those found in the normal classroom situation. The goals of the activities programs are to give students direction in developing healthful living habits, discipline, leadership, teamwork, and respect for rules and regulations. It is to these ends that a student activity code is established for young people taking part in the student activity program. The student must agree to abide by the following expectations for all four years at Lyons Township High School. The consequences listed below for ALCOHOL, STEROIDS, DRUGS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES and TOBACCO are cumulative during the student's four-year career. The consequences for other school offenses will be dealt with on an annual basis and do not carry over from one school year to the next.
2. EXPECTATIONS - Each activity may establish approved additional expectations.
a. Students should regularly attend school, practice and events.
b. Participants are expected to attend school on the day of the activity.
c. Students must attend a Co-Curricular meeting as a freshmen or first year of co-curricular participation.
d. The IHSA requires a student to pass at least 20 credit hours (4 classes) the semester prior to participation and maintain passing grades to 20 credit hours (4 classes) while involved in IHSA activities.
e. Students must travel on school arranged transportation for all events away from Lyons Township High School.
f. Students must be responsible for all equipment and/or clothing issued for activity and the return of such at the end of the activity.
g. Students should attend all Awards Nights.
h. Students should carry the school ID card at all times.
i. Students should submit an annual physical for participation in athletic activities.
j. Students must adhere to all rules set forth in the student handbook not outlined above and display conduct becoming a District 204 representative, including respect of persons and property at all times. (School consequences supersede the Student Activities Code of Conduct when the violation carries a stiffer penalty.)

- 7. SCHOOL RULE INFRACTIONS RESULTING IN SUSPENSION
Expectation: Students will adhere to all school rules and display conduct becoming a District 204 representative.
Consequences:
a. First offense - suspension from all activities for ten percent of the competitive season or two events, whichever is less, with the student expected to participate in all practices and attend all contests during that time
b. Second offense - suspension for a total of six weeks of the season which could result in the consequence being served over two seasons. The participant must participate in all practices and attend all contests during the time they are serving the consequence.
c. Third offense - loss of extracurricular opportunities for one calendar year from the date of the infraction, which would include all practices.
d. Fourth offense - termination of all extracurricular opportunities for the remainder of the high school career.

APPEAL PROCESS - The coach/sponsor is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the consequences in the Student Activities Code. The expectation is that, except in unusual cases, the stated consequences will be applied. The consequences may be appealed to the Principal or his designee.

I have read the above information and will abide by the Student Activities Code.

Student Signature: _____

Coach/Sponsor Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Need to anonymously report unsafe behavior?
Use the SPEAK UP LINE: Call - (708) 588-7326 or E-mail: speakupline@lths.net
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- 3. ALCOHOL, STEROIDS, AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
Expectation: Students will not use or attend parties where there is underage drinking of alcohol, steroids and/or controlled substances seven days a week, twelve months a year, whether or not school is in session, for all four years at LT.
Consequences:
a. First offense - suspension from all activities for ten percent of the competitive season or two events, whichever is less, with the student expected to participate in all practices and attend all contests during that time. The student must attend a school-approved chemical education program at their own expense. Failure to do so will lead to further suspension.
b. Second offense - loss of extracurricular opportunities for one year. If the student agrees to an assessment at a school approved program, at the parent's expense, and follows the program recommendations, he will be suspended for a total of six weeks of the competitive season. The student must participate in all practices and attend all contests during the time they are serving their consequence. This could result in the consequence being served over two seasons.
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LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
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Reason you are applying for a parking permit: _____

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Date _____ Assistant Principal Approval _____ Sticker # _____

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IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL - ATHLETIC POLICY

LTHS Student Athletic/Activities Registration Form: Students participating in extracurricular activities at the high school must pledge to be alcohol and drug free and not engage in any form of objectionable behavior. Participants are also not allowed to be present where those actions occur. Consequences for violating this policy could involve the loss of participation in the extracurricular activity, suspension, community service hours, and/or substance abuse counseling. The disciplinary code is enforced on and off the high school campus. Below is a copy of the form.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT

PURPOSE: Participating in student activities is considered an extension of, but separate from, the regular high school program. While the regular curricular program is a right afforded to each student, participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege and as such carries certain expectations beyond those found in the normal classroom situation. The goals of the activities programs are to give students direction in developing healthy living habits, discipline, leadership, teamwork, and respect for rules and regulations. It is to these ends that a student activities code is established for young people taking part in the student activity programs. The students must agree to abide by the following expectations for all four years at Lyons Township High School. The consequences listed below for ALCOHOL, STEROIDS, DRUGS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES and TOBACCO are cumulative during the student's four-year career. The consequences for other school offenses will be dealt with on an annual basis and do not carry over from one school year to the next.

EXPECTATIONS – Each activity may establish approved additional expectations.

- Regularly attend school, practice and events. Participants are expected to attend school on the day of the activity.
- Attend a Co-Curricular meeting as a freshman or first year of co-curricular participation.
- The IHSA requires a student to pass at least 20 credit hours (4 classes) the semester prior to participation and maintain passing grades in 20 credit hours (4 classes) while involved in IHSA activities.
- Students must travel on school arranged transportation for all events away from Lyons Township High School.
- Students must be responsible for all equipment and/or clothing saved for activity and the return of such at the end of the activity.
- Students should attend all Awards Nights.
- Students should carry the school ID card at all times.
- Students should submit an annual physical for participation in athletic activities.
- Adhere to all rules set forth in the student handbook not outlined above and display conduct becoming a District 204 representative, including respect of persons and property at all times.

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YOUNG ADULT REMINDERS - WEBSITE INFORMATION

On the Western Springs Police Department’s website, there is a link for people to visit to learn more about zero tolerance, <http://wsprings.com/189/Young-Adult-Reminders>

VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS Illinois

What Are You Looking For?

Government Departments Business Residents Community How Do I...?

Home » Departments » Law Enforcement Services » Young Adult Reminders

Young Adult Reminders

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Skateboarding / Rollerblading
Village ordinance prohibits skateboarding on the Burlington railroad platform or anywhere specifically prohibited by posted signs, including the Garden Market Shopping Center and the Grand Avenue Community Center parking lot. It also prohibits using ramps or jumps on any public sidewalk or street. The ordinance does...

Quick Links

- CodeRED Emergency Notification
- Illinois Sex Offender Information
- Firearm Concealed Carry Act

FAQs

- What happens to my lost pet?
- What is the fine for disobeying a railroad crossing signal?
- Will the Police Department check my home when I am away?

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PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

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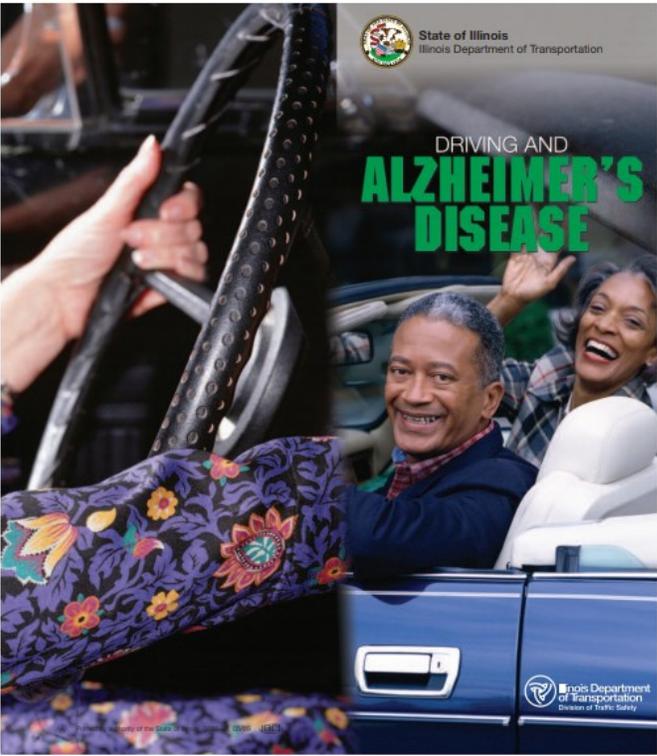
Call Easter Seals Project ACTION
(Accessible Community Transportation In Our Nation)
at 800-659-6428 or go to its Web site at
www.easterseals.com/transportation.

WHERE DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND ITS TREATMENT?
Your first step is to talk with your doctor. You also can contact:

- **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**
800-272-3900
www.alz.org
- **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE EDUCATION AND REFERRAL CENTER (ADEAR)**
800-438-4380
www.alzheimers.org
- **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE**
301-496-5751 • 800-352-9424
www.ninds.nih.gov
- **NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING**
www.nih.gov/aging/alzheimers

You also can get a copy of the "Age Page on Older Drivers" from the National Institute on Aging by calling 800-222-2225, or by going to its Web site at www.niapublications.org/engagepages/drivers.asp.

WEAR YOUR SAFETY BELT
Always wear your safety belt when you are driving or riding in a car. Make sure that every person who is riding with you also is buckled up. Wear your safety belt even if your car has air bags.



DRIVING AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Transportation

Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Traffic Safety

DRIVING AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

For most people, driving represents freedom, control and independence. Driving enables most people to get to the places they want to go, and to see the people they want to see when they want to see them. But driving is a complex skill. Our ability to drive safely can be compromised by changes in our physical, emotional, mental and cognitive conditions.

The goal of this brochure is to help you, your family and your health care professional talk about how Alzheimer's will affect your ability to drive safely.

HOW CAN HAVING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AFFECT MY DRIVING?

There are some early and clear warning signs that Alzheimer's is affecting your driving. For example, you might:

- Need more help than you used to with directions, or with learning a new driving route;
- Have trouble remembering where you are going, or where you left your car;
- Get lost on routes that were once familiar;
- Have trouble making turns, especially left turns;
- Feel confused when exiting a highway, or by traffic signs such as a four-way stop;
- Receive citations for moving violations;
- Find other drivers often honk their horns at you;
- Stop at a green light, or brake inappropriately;
- Drift out of your lane;
- Have less control over your muscles so it may be harder to push down on the pedals or turn the steering wheel;
- Find dents and scrapes on your car that you cannot explain;

- Find that others are questioning your driving safety; and
- Have a hard time controlling your anger, sadness or other emotions that can affect your driving.

WHAT IF I AM EXPERIENCING THESE WARNING SIGNS?

If you are experiencing warning signs such as those listed above, you should see your physician. If warranted, you might be referred to a driver rehabilitation specialist immediately for an evaluation (see below).

As the disease progresses, driving will become increasingly unsafe. Your doctor can help you decide when you should stop driving.

WHAT CAN I DO WHEN ALZHEIMER'S AFFECTS MY DRIVING?

In many communities nationwide, a driver rehabilitation specialist can give you on- and off-road tests to assess your driving. The specialist also can help you determine how your driving ability is changing and help you decide when your driving is no longer safe.

Understanding how your ability to drive is changing over time is important to keep you and others around you safe. To find a driver rehabilitation specialist near you, go to www.aota.org/olderdriver and look up the name of a specialist in your area. You also can call hospitals and rehabilitation facilities to find an occupational therapist with special training in driving skills assessment and remediation. Depending on where you live, you may need to travel to nearby communities to find these services.

WHAT CAN I DO WHEN I HAVE TO GIVE UP DRIVING?

You can keep your independence even when you have to stop driving. It may take some planning ahead by you and your family and friends, but that planning will get you to the places you want to go, and to the people you want to see. It may also reduce the stress of driving. Consider:

- Rides with family and friends
- Taxi cabs
- Shuttle buses or vans
- Public buses, trains, and subways
- Walking

If possible, ask a relative or companion to accompany you when you use public transportation or walk. That way you can avoid confusion, and be sure to get where you want to go without the risk of getting lost. To address that risk, for a modest, one-time fee you can also enroll in the Alzheimer's Association Safe Return™ program by calling 888-572-8566 or www.alz.org/safereturn.

Also, senior centers, religious organizations, and other local service groups often offer transportation services for older adults in your community.

WHO CAN I CALL FOR HELP WITH TRANSPORTATION?

To find transportation services in your area, call the national ElderCare Locator at 800-677-1116 and ask for your local Office on Aging. That office will help you find transportation services in your community. You may also find your local Office on Aging by visiting their Web site at www.eldercare.gov. Contact your regional transit authority to find out which bus or train to take.

THE DOINGS NEWSPAPER - POLICE BLOTTERS

It is the policy of the Western Springs Department to cooperate fully and impartially with the media in fulfilling its responsibility of informing the public of events within the Village that are handled by or involve the police department to the extent permitted by law or court order. On a weekly basis, *The Doings* and our local *Patch* newspaper runs police blotters about the Department's arrests. Shown are two separate blotters about impaired driving.

Police Reports: Berwyn and Western Springs for Jan. 24

By SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA
Jan. 24, 2018

Information in Police Reports is obtained from local police departments. Individuals in Police Reports who have been charged with a crime have not been proved guilty in court.

BERWYN

Harassment

An incident involving harassment by telephone was reported at 10:28 a.m. Jan. 19 in the 1800 block of South Gunderson Avenue.

WESTERN SPRINGS

DUI

Evelyn Lambrou, 34, of the 900 block of Iroquois Avenue, Naperville, was charged at 1:10 a.m. Jan. 1 with driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or more, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane use at Ogden Avenue and Interstate 294.

Theft by deception

An online scam was reported at 11:54 a.m. Jan. 6 in the 5400 block of Johnson Avenue.

Identity theft

The use of a credit card without the card holder's permission was reported at 1:18 p.m. Jan. 9 in the 5600 block of Ridgewood Drive.

Car Burglaries, DUI

Western Springs Police reports through Jul

By Andrea Earnest, Patch Staff | Jul 16, 2018 5:13 pm ET

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The following information is from the Western Springs Police Department. An arrest is not an indication of guilt.

DUI

- Angel Ayala, 32, of Cicero, was arrested at 3:36 a.m. July 8 at 55th and Grand for improper parking on road, driver's license not on person and DUI-alcohol.

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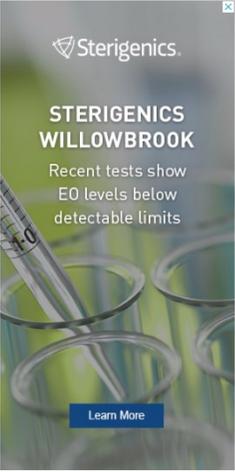
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Article in *THE DOINGS* pertaining to a Reckless Driving arrest.

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La Grange teen charged for going more than 70 mph in 4-vehicle Western Springs crash



The scene of a multivehicle accident Saturday, July 14 at 55th Street and Woodland Avenue Western Springs. (Western Springs Police Department)

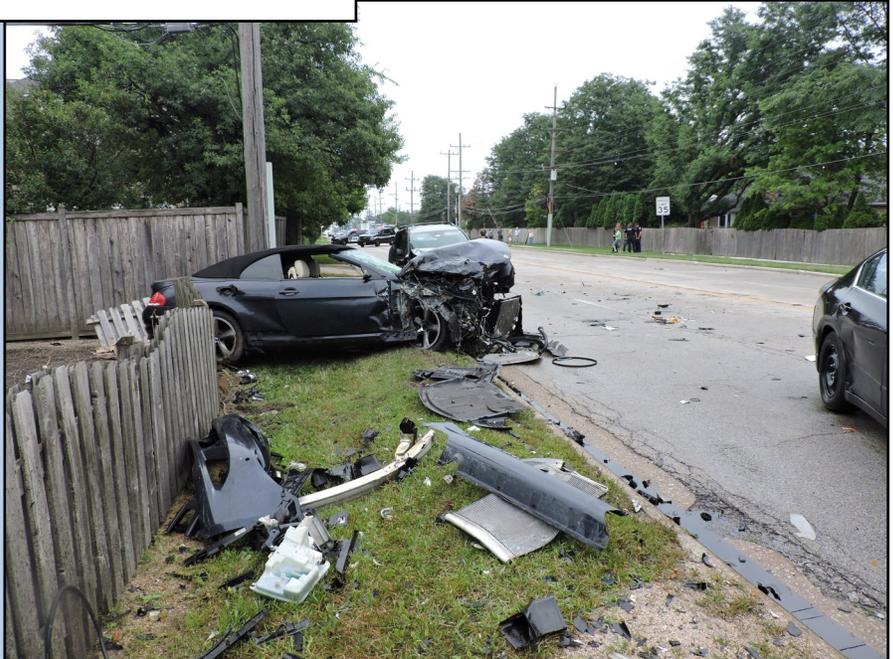
By **Kimberly Fornek** - Contact Reporter
Pioneer Press

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018, 8:40 PM

A 19-year-old La Grange man has been charged with aggravated reckless driving in a Western Springs crash two months ago that injured four people.

Alex L. Janicki of the first block of North Peck Avenue, was charged at about 10:50 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Western Springs police station, police said.

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WESTERN SPRINGS PRESS RELEASES

As part of our public information and education efforts, the Western Springs Police Department sends out Press Releases on all of our traffic safety enforcement campaigns, new programs, and campaign results. Below is a list of Press Releases from 2018, and can be found throughout this application.

March 2018 - St. Patrick's Day Press Release

May 2018 - Police on Board for Rail Safety Press Release

July 2018 - July 4th Holiday Press Release

August 2018 - Labor Day Press Release

September 2018 - Labor Day Press Release

September 2018 - Rail Safety Week Press Release

November 2018 - Thanksgiving Day Enforcement Press Release

Examples of Press Releases



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2018 Illinois Speed Awareness Day Campaign

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Western Springs Police Join Forces with Agencies Statewide for 2018 Illinois Speed Awareness Day Campaign

Western Springs, IL - 7-23-18 – During Illinois Speed Awareness Day this July 25th, the Western Springs Police Department is taking a proactive approach to promote safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists through both education and enforcement. In Illinois during 2016, speed was the reason for 34.2% of all fatal crashes. That's 369 deaths for the year, or one life every 23.7 hours. These lives can be easily saved by being aware of our speed and understanding how speeding impacts a crash.

In residential areas, speeding can have the following consequences:

- When a pedestrian is hit by a car at 20 MPH there is a 10% likelihood of being killed, at a speed of 30 MPH the percentage increases to a 50% likelihood of being killed.
- The higher the speed at impact, the more severe the injuries sustained.
- 37% of the speed-related crashes result in injuries.
- When speeding there is a greater chance that other road users will misjudge how fast you are traveling.
- Speeding extends the distance required to stop a vehicle in emergency situations.
- Speeding reduces a driver's ability to navigate safely around curves or objects in the roadway.

Let's all do our part by taking a proactive approach to prevent fatalities and reduce injuries on the roadways by being aware of our speed and obeying the speed limit signs **ALL** the time. If you would like more information about Illinois Speed Awareness Day, please visit www.illinoispeedawarenessday.org.

Public Information Officer: Deputy Chief Daniel Albrecht
Telephone: (708) 246-8540

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VILLAGE SERVICES Tel 708.246.1800 Fax 708.246.0284 | RECREATION Tel 708.246.9070 Fax 708.246.1309



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WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

Western Springs Police to Participate in Thanksgiving Holiday Selective Traffic Enforcement Campaign

WESTERN SPRINGS, IL – November 19, 2018 – The Western Springs Police Department will be participating in a statewide Thanksgiving Holiday "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign from November 19th through November 26th. Police Officers will be increasing their visible traffic enforcement primarily focusing on impaired driving and unbuckled motorists throughout Western Springs.



The Holiday Season is known for being merry and bright, but they're also known for being the deadliest season when it comes to drunk driving. Every holiday season, lives are lost due to drunk drivers. Whether you are traveling across town or across the state this Thanksgiving, please make sure everyone in the vehicle is wearing their seat belt – it is the law. IDOT is proud that Illinois has a 93 percent seat belt usage rate, however, far too many drivers and passengers still do not buckle up - especially late at night.

Additional enforcement will take place late at night when seat belt use is at its lowest and impaired driving is at its highest.

The Western Springs Police would like to remind the public to designate a sober driver and to buckle up – that is always your best defense against an impaired driver. Driving impaired is a deadly decision and it is against the law. Please be responsible while celebrating this Thanksgiving holiday. Remember, in Western Springs, if you do not drive sober, you will be pulled over. For more information, please visit www.buckleupillinois.org.

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TOWER TOPIC NEWSLETTERS

The Tower Topics is the official Newsletter of the Village of Western Springs. The publication is mailed out bi-monthly to approximately 4,800 residents. Each newsletter can also be found online at <http://wsprings.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/315>. The following articles were published throughout 2018 and may be found throughout this application:

- January/February 2018 - Buckle Up Your Valentine
- May/June 2018 - Western Springs Police Department Welcomes Two New Officers
- May/June 2018 - Click it or Ticket Campaign
- May/June 2018 - Crosswalk Safety
- July/August 2018 - National Night Out Against Crime
- September/October - 2018 Rail Safety Week
- September/October 2018 - Vehicle Burglary / Theft Prevention Tips

Examples of Tower Topics Below

Neighbors Protecting Neighbors



For over 120 Years, the Fire Department has been providing quality fire protection and emergency medical services to the Village of Western Springs. The commitment of residents has enabled these services to flourish while containing costs. Although the fire station is staffed 24 hours a day with two certified firefighter paramedics, the Department relies heavily upon paid-on-call personnel. Paid-on-call or volunteer firefighters are individuals who provide vital services to the community.

VOLUNTEER
The Western Springs Fire Department exemplifies the caring nature of Village residents. Although caring and involvement can be expressed in many ways, there is no greater service than "neighbors protecting neighbors" in a time of need.

Beginning in September 2019, the Department will be looking for individuals who are:

- Energetic and physically fit
- Minimum age of 18
- Live in the Village or within a mile of the border.

Residents who would like to become part of the team, would like to receive more information, or have questions, can contact fireinfo@wsprings.com.

Don't forget to visit the "Western Springs Department of Fire and EMS" Facebook Page and the Department's Village web page at www.wsprings.com/152/Fire-Emergency-Medical-Services for events and more information.

SUMMER HOURS

The business hours for Village Hall and Community Development will change beginning Monday, May 21, and ending Tuesday, September 4. The hours will be as follows: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to noon.

2018 Household Spring Cleanup Day

Household Cleanup Day allows residents to dispose of an unlimited amount of household items, carpeting (must be cut down to 4 feet in length, securely bundled, and no more than 60 pounds in weight), books, furniture, bikes, appliances, and white goods.

Items that are unacceptable are as follows:

- Household garbage
- Electronics
- Construction debris
- Scrap wood, railroad ties
- Concrete, asphalt, bricks
- Car parts
- Lawn mowers, snow blowers
- Tires
- Vehicle batteries
- Old paint (oil or latex)
- Gasoline, used motor oil
- Ammunition, explosives

Acceptable items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. For more information on this collection, please call Republic Services at 708-345-7050 or visit www.wsprings.com.

Click-It or Ticket



The Western Springs Police Department would like to remind residents to buckle up during the 2018 Memorial Day holiday. The Department will be participating in the Illinois "Click-It or Ticket" traffic safety campaign and enforcing seat belt and child safety seat laws during the month of May. The Western Springs Police Department will be partnering with state, county, and local police agencies in an effort to reduce traffic crash fatalities and injuries. Regular seat belt use is the best defense against impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers. Please buckle up!

Crosswalk Safety



Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility. Whether walking, driving a car, or riding a bike, please remember the following safety guidelines:

Pedestrians

- Before entering a crosswalk, whether marked or unmarked, be sure to look both ways. It is the responsibility of the pedestrian to ensure that it is safe to cross the roadway.
- Establish eye contact with drivers so they are aware of your intentions to cross.
- Cross within the marked crossing lanes. Vehicles have the right of way when there are no crossing lanes marked.

Drivers

- Drivers are required to stop for pedestrians whether the crossing is marked or unmarked.
- Be attentive at crosswalks and be prepared to stop.

Cyclists

- While in the roadway, cyclists must operate under the same laws as a vehicle.
- When riding on a sidewalk, cyclists must obey all pedestrian signs and signals.

The Police Department has created a video on Crosswalk Safety and it is available for viewing on Comcast Channel 6, AT&T U-Verse, and www.wsprings.com.

Senior Services

Senior Club



The Senior Club welcomes members back for the fall season! Individuals interested in joining can contact the Recreation Center with any questions at 708-246-9070.

Senior Center

Live and Learn! Seniors with unique experiences share those experiences in an informal setting with refreshments. Information on both senior living and life experiences will be shared. A **Cardiac Surgery and Rehab** Live and Learn will take place on October 11 at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to the Senior Center.

Safely Surviving This Crazy Mixed Up World! Pat Schramm (Village of Western Springs Technology Director), a representative from the Western Springs Police Department, a representative from the banking industry, and a representative from the investment industry will hold a presentation for Senior Center members about security challenges and scams, and how to identify and avoid them. This presentation will take place on Tuesday, September 25 from 1-3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to the Senior Center.

Let's Learn Something! Join Senior Center members for classes covering a variety of topics. These classes will center on PBS and Great Courses programs, such as *This Emotional Life, In Search of Ourselves and Happiness, Planet Earth, Math, Secrets of the Mind*, and more. These classes will take place on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. beginning October 2. Please R.S.V.P. to the Senior Center.

Movies: Join Senior Center members on September 27 for a viewing of *Murder on the Orient Express* and on October 25 for a viewing of *Get Out* from 1-3 p.m. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

Located in the Grand Avenue Community Center (4211 Grand Avenue), the Senior Center is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and is staffed for administrative purposes for four hours each day. To ensure the Center is properly staffed for your needs, please call ahead to make an appointment. Questions regarding the Senior Center and its programs may be directed to Mic at 708-246-3299 or mcagney@wsprings.com.

Holiday Tree Wanted

Do you have a large, magnificent evergreen tree on your property that you would like to donate to the Village of Western Springs? The Village is seeking a donation of a very large, well-shaped tree to light up the Tower Green for the 2018 holiday season. Removal and placement of the tree will be courtesy of the Village in mid-November. The tree will be featured at the tree lighting ceremony during the annual Western Springs Business Association Christmas Walk. If interested, please contact Roscann Tirinilli at rtirinilli@wsprings.com or 708-246-1800, ext. 200.

2018 Rail Safety Week



The Western Springs Police Department will be participating in the 2018 Illinois Rail Safety Week from September 23-29 to promote rail safety awareness and education. Heightened safety enforcement and public education will take place at the railroad grade crossings within Western Springs, focusing on both drivers and pedestrians who disobey the laws associated with railroad grade crossings and railroad property.

Look! Listen! Live!

A freight train moving at 55 miles per hour can take a mile or more to stop once the emergency brakes are applied. Pedestrians and drivers often misjudge the speed and distance of trains and sometimes wait for a train to pass, cross the tracks, and fail to realize that another train is coming from the opposite direction.

Please remember these basic safety rules when crossing the tracks:

- Only cross at the designated crossings at Gilbert Avenue, Wolf Road, Lawn Avenue, Grand Avenue or the pedestrian crossing at Central Avenue.
- Never walk along the tracks. This is trespassing and you may fall into the path of a train.
- Always obey the flashing warning lights and never go around gates that are down or even just starting to come down. Doing so not only endangers your safety but may also result in a ticket from the police with a state imposed mandatory fine of \$500.
- Never skateboard, rollerblade, or roller skate on the railroad platforms. This is also in violation of a Village ordinance.

Familiarity breeds contempt. You may go back and forth over the same track every day, but railroads operate around-the-clock and change schedules. Be alert!

Field Park Fit Family 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run & Kids Dashes

Saturday, September 15th, 2018



Thank you to our Sponsors!

Salerno's, City of Western Springs, Village of Western Springs, etc.

IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY - WEBSITE INFORMATION

On the Western Springs Police Department's website, there is a link for parent's to visit to learn more about our child safety seat program, <http://wsprings.com/176/Child-Passenger-Safety>. The Western Springs Police Department has a very successful car safety seat program with 2 certified car safety seat technicians on duty. The program allows residents to come in for an appointment to meet with an officer to ensure they are installing their car seat correctly and all their questions relating to child safety seats are answered.



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

CHILD SAFETY SEAT

The Western Springs Police Department has a very successful car safety seat program with 2 certified car safety seat technicians on duty. The program allows residents to come in for an appointment to meet with an officer to ensure they are installing their car seat correctly and all their questions relating to child safety seats are answered.

The Western Springs Police Department participated in the “SEAT CHECK SATURDAY” campaign on September 20, 2018.



Ofc. Niezgodna and Ofc. Hull conducting checks for car seat safety on “Seat Check Saturday.”



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

BUCKLE UP YOUR VALENTINE TOWER TOPICS

For over a decade, the Western Springs Police Department participated in the "Buckle-Up Your Valentine" educational campaign during the week of February 11 - 17, 2018. The following was in the Village's Tower Topics for January and February.

Child Safety Seat Program Checklist Form

WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHILD SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM
CHECKLIST FORM
 *Please Print Clearly and Use One Checklist Form for Each Child in the Vehicle

ADDRESS: NAME: CITY: PHONE: STATE: ZIP: _____
 MAKE: MODEL: YEAR: _____
 LICENSE #: EXP: _____
 PASSENGER SIDE AIR BAG: YES: NO: _____
 CHILD INFORMATION: AGE: WEIGHT: HEIGHT: _____
 EXPECTING PARENTS: YES: NO: _____

RELEASE: I understand and agree the sole purpose of this program is to help reduce the incident of the improper installation of child safety seats; that this inspection is being provided as a free service to me; that this program cannot fully evaluate the quality, safety, or condition of my car safety seat or any component of my vehicle, including the seats or safety belts; and that this program will not guarantee my child's safety in a car collision. For these reasons, I hereby release the Village of Western Springs Police Department and each of its divisions and subsidiaries and other operating entities; or any program participants, from any present or future liability for any injuries or damages that may result from a car collision or otherwise.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CHECK UP LOCATION: _____ DATE: _____
 TECHNICIAN: _____

SEAT INFORMATION: MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____
 SEAT FMVSS CERTIFIED BY MFOR: Yes: No: RECALLED: Yes: No: Unable to Determine: _____
 ORIGINAL SEAT OWNER: Yes: No: SEAT INVOLVED IN CRASH: Yes: No: Unknown: _____
 CHILD PRESENT: Yes: No: _____

Mark an "X" where you found the seat
 Mark an "M" where it was moved
 Mark an "N" for a new installation

D			

____ CHILD & SEAT CORRECTLY INSTALLED ON ARRIVAL

REAR-FACING SEAT
 • Note: A child should be rear-facing until at least one year of age and at least 20lbs. If a child is less than one year and over 20lbs, then a new seat with greater weight limits in the rear-facing position should be obtained.

INFANT ONLY **REAR-FACING CONVERTIBLE**

___ Child not within mfr.'s recommended weight/height range ___ Seat in front of Air Bag ___ Seat not rear-facing ___ Seat not reclined 45 degrees ___ Harness straps not at or below shoulders ___ Harness retainer clip not present (if instructions require) ___ Harness retainer clip not threaded correctly ___ Harness retainer clip not at armpit level ___ Harness straps not snug and flat (one finger test) ___ Safety belt not routed correctly ___ Safety belt not holding seat tightly in vehicle (one inch test) ___ Safety belt not in locked mode (locking clip, switched retractor, locking latch plate) ___ Locking clip not used correctly (if needed) ___ Other problems / Comments: _____	___ Recommended Correct Seat ___ Corrected ___ Corrected
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Buckle Up Your Valentine
 Sunday, February 11, 2018 | 8-11 a.m.

This child safety seat helped save this little girl's life. It is important to make sure all child safety seats are installed properly to ensure that they all have the same life-saving power!

The Western Springs Police Department is hosting its annual event to promote safe child car seat and seatbelt usage.

On Sunday, February 11, car seat technicians will be assisting attendees on a first-come-first serve basis. This event is open to residents and nonresidents.

This event is designed to promote questions and answers regarding child seat and seatbelt usage. Questions can also be asked and answered via email. Those interested may contact technicians at ahull@wspings.com or aniezgod@wspings.com, or by calling 708-246-8540.



Explorer Post 740

The Western Springs Explorer Post 740 was founded in 1977. The post was created with the intent of providing an opportunity for youth with an interest in law enforcement to learn about the law enforcement profession and develop positive relationships with officers. Explorers receive instruction from experienced police officers called advisors, and they are eligible to participate in police ride-alongs, radio training, and state/national competitions with other explorer posts. They also have the opportunity to assist patrol officers with special events.

The Western Springs Police Explorer Program accepts girls and boys between 14-21 years old. All applicants must be eighth grade graduates, must be of good moral character, and must have a strong interest in the law enforcement profession with no personal criminal convictions. Explorers meet every three weeks at the Village Hall from 7-9 p.m. during the school year.

Interested individuals are asked to please fill out an application and return it to the Village of Western Springs. Applications can be found at www.wspings.com/DocumentCenter/View/64. For more information on the program, please contact Officer Arthur Hull at ahull@wspings.com 708-246-8540.



Fire Code Updates: Thank You from the WSFD



In October 2014, the Village adopted Ordinance 14-2767 to update building and fire codes through the Village. This ordinance also required the installation of fire alarm systems or fire sprinkler systems in buildings of various occupancy type including assembly, business, educational, multifamily, and mixed use. The ordinance provided for a three-year compliance period commencing on January 1, 2015, and ending on January 1, 2018. As the Village approaches the end of this three-year period, the Fire Department would like to thank all building and business owners for their cooperation in installing these life safety systems in their buildings. In Western Springs, many of the buildings are older and the downtown area is both historic and close in proximity to undetected building fire can be devastating to communities with these characteristics. Additionally, multiple occupancies lend the potential for an undetected fire in one unit to spread and damage other surrounding buildings. Early detection of fires by a fire alarm system and early suppression of fires by a fire sprinkler system proven to save lives and minimize property damage. Thanks again to the business community for support in the installation of these life safety systems and working to make the community safer!

Volunteer Your Time and Talent BEDS PLUS

Volunteers are vital to the success of the BEDS mission. Working in teams, site volunteers staff our shelters throughout the night and serve dinner and breakfast. Volunteer cook teams prepare and deliver delicious meals together. Working from home, laundry volunteers help wash sheets and blankets. There are also administrative and fundraising roles available.

All new volunteers are required to attend one volunteer orientation. Orientations are held the second Monday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. BEDS volunteers find deep personal fulfillment through serving the homeless. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact volunteer@beds-plus.org or call 708-354-0858.



VILLAGE of WESTERN SPRINGS

FORWARD-FACING SEAT Tray Shield Toddler/Booster Integrated

___ 5 pt. Harness ___ Child not within mfr.'s weight/height range (>1 yr. & 20lb. - 40lb.) ___ Seat not forward-facing ___ Seat not upright ___ Harness straps not in top slots (for convertible seats) ___ Harness not attached securely or threaded correctly ___ Harness straps not snug and flat (one finger test) ___ Harness retainer clip not present (if instructions require) ___ Harness retainer clip not threaded correctly ___ Harness retainer clip not at armpit level ___ Safety belt not routed correctly ___ Safety belt not holding seat tightly in vehicle (one inch test) ___ Safety belt not in locked mode (locking clip, switched retractor, locking latch plate) ___ Locking clip not used correctly (if needed) ___ Latch not used correctly (if supplied) ___ Other problems / Comments: _____	___ Recommended Correct Seat ___ Corrected ___ Corrected
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SEAT BOOSTER SEAT

___ Child not within mfr.'s recommended weight/height range (30-40lb.) ___ Safety belt not routed correctly ___ Shield not snug ___ Safety belt not holding seat tightly in vehicle (one inch test) ___ Safety belt not in locked mode (locking clip, switched retractor, locking latch plate) ___ Locking clip not used correctly (if needed) ___ Other problems / Comments: _____	___ Recommended Correct Seat ___ Corrected ___ Corrected ___ Corrected ___ Corrected
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BELT POSITIONING BOOSTER

___ Child not within mfr.'s recommended weight/height range (40-80lb.) ___ Safety belt not routed correctly ___ Lap/shoulder belt not correctly positioned ___ Other problems / Comments: _____	___ Recommended Correct Seat ___ Corrected ___ Corrected
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VEHICLE SAFETY BELT

___ Child not within recommended weight/height range (over 80lb.) ___ Lap/shoulder belt not correctly positioned ___ Child not securely restrained ___ Other problems / Comments: _____	___ Recommended Correct Seat ___ Corrected ___ Corrected
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VEST/OTHER RESTRAINT

___ Child not within mfr.'s recommended weight/height range ___ Other problems / Comments: _____	___ Recommended Correct Seat
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CHILD SAFETY SEAT REPLACED AT CHECK-UP EVENT

New Seat Info: Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____
 Registration card completed and mailed to child safety seat manufacturer: Yes ___ No ___

SEAT DONATION
 I agree to donate my used child safety seat to the above organization so it may be destroyed or used for training purposes.

Signature (parent, guardian, or other responsible party) _____

IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

BUCKLE UP YOUR VALENTINE POSTER

For over a decade, the Western Springs Police Department participated in the “Buckle-Up Your Valentine” educational campaign during the week of February 11 - 17, 2018. The following poster was displayed in our local schools, pre-schools, daycares, Recreation Center, and the police and fire department.



“BUCKLE-UP YOUR VALENTINE”

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

8am to 11am

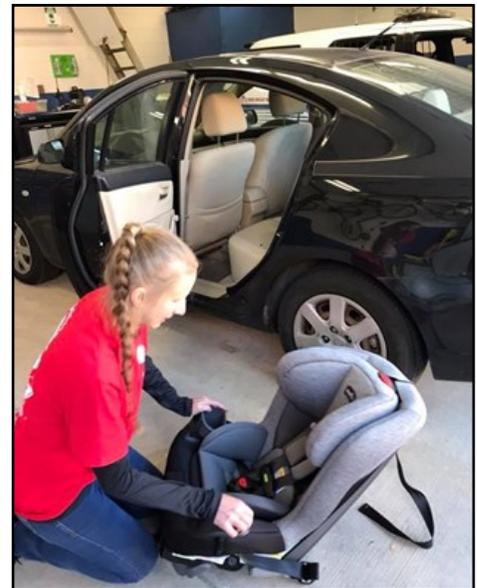
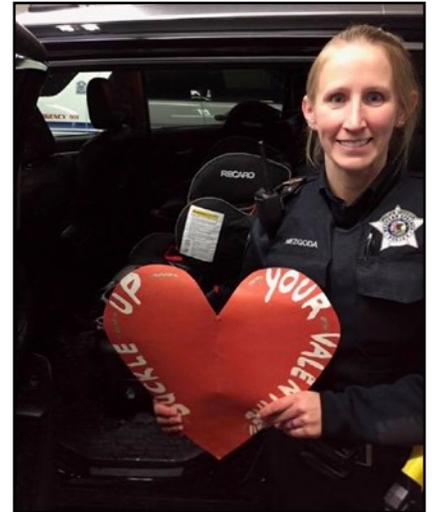


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On Sunday, Carseat technicians will be assisting on a first-come-first serve basis. This event is open to all (residents & non-residents).

Please feel to ask questions about your child’s carseat/seatbelt usage. Questions can be asked and answered via email. **So ask!** You can email our technicians at ahull@wsprings.com or aniezgoda@wsprings.com.

708-246-8540.



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEBSITE INFORMATION.

The Western Springs Police Department is a recognized car seat fitting location and can be found on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Website shown below.

**NATIONAL
CHILD
PASSENGER
SAFETY
CERTIFICATION**

A Program of
Safe Kids Worldwide

Who We Are | Newsletter | Policies and Procedures Manual | Contact Us | 1-877-366-8154

[GET A CAR SEAT CHECKED](#) |
 [FIND A TECH](#) |
 [FIND A COURSE](#) |
 [LOGIN](#)

ONLINE SERVICES

BECOME A TECH | **I'M A TECH** | **COURSE ADMINISTRATION** | **ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT** | **RESOURCES - FAQs**

ONLINE SERVICES

[Login](#)

CPS Technician Search: Find a CPS Technician

Special needs training is provided by the Automotive Safety Program at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Safe Kids Worldwide does not certify these individuals. ** For more information, go to www.preventinjury.org. **

School Bus training information is provided by the National Safety Council. Safe Kids Worldwide does not certify these individuals. For more information, contact Amy.Artuso@nsc.org or go to <http://cpsboard.org/tech-instructor-curriculum>

Map is displayed if both city and state are part of the search criteria. To view the map, please scroll down past results list.

Search Results (1)					
Name		Location/Contact	Languages	Certification Type	Extra Training
Arthur	Hull	Village of Western Springs 740 Hillgrove Avenue WESTERN SPRINGS, IL 60558 708-246-8540 ahull@wsprings.com	English Undeclared	Certified Technician	

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

1

REAR-FACING

2

FORWARD-FACING

3

BOOSTER

4

SEAT BELT

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEBSITE INFORMATION.

The Western Springs Police Department is a recognized car seat fitting location and Ofc. Hull is the contact person that can be found on the Safe Kids website shown below.

Parents Central
FROM CAR SEATS TO CAR KEYS: KEEPING KIDS SAFE

safercar.gov

HOME CAR SEATS ON THE MOVE TEEN DRIVING IN AND AROUND THE CAR

Search the Site **SEARCH**

Child Car Seat Inspection Station Locator

THE RIGHT SEAT. THE RIGHT SIZE. THE RIGHT USE.

If there are no exact matches for the zip code entered then any results are sorted by approximate distance from the zip code entered.

Inspection Stations found within approximately 70 miles of 60558.

Village of Western Springs
749 Hillgrove Ave
Western Springs, IL 60558
DuPage

Call to schedule an appointment.

708-246-8540
Contact: A Hull

If changes need to be made in the address, phone, contact person, or hours of operation for inspection station sites, please contact NHTSA.gov.
[FIND ANOTHER STATION](#)

154 Results within 25 miles

1. Village of Western Springs
749 Hillgrove Ave
Western Springs, IL 60558
Phone: 708-246-8540 Contact: A Hull
Call to schedule an appointment.
[VIEW ON MAP](#)

2. Hinsdale Police Department
121 Symonds Dr
Hinsdale, IL 60521
Phone: 630-789-7070 Contact: Stephen Cogger and Matthew Miller
Call to schedule an appointment.
[VIEW ON MAP](#)

Map showing location of Village of Western Springs (1) with a blue pin and yellow circle. Street names include Ogden Ave, Hillgrove Ave, and 47th St. Scale: 2000 feet, 500 m. © 2019 Microsoft Corporation Terms

[VIEW LARGER MAP](#)

IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

“SEAT CHECK SATURDAY” (September 22, 2018)

The Western Springs Police Department participated in the “SEAT CHECK SATURDAY” campaign on September 22, 2018.



Ofc. Niezgoda and Ofc. Hull conducting checks for car seat safety on “Seat Check Saturday.”



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

SAFETY BELT EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS - IL CHILD SAFETY BELT USE LAW PAMPHLETS

Handouts are available to the public at our service counter and are also distributed during our car seat inspection appointments, at our schools, pre-schools, daycares, special events, and upon request. The flyers and pamphlets also include:

IL Safety Belt use Law Brochure

IL Child Passenger Protection Act Palm Card

Parents Guide to Rear Facing Seats Steps 1 and 2

Parents Guide to Front Facing Seats Steps 3 and 4

Take It To The Limit: Poster

Where's Baby Poster

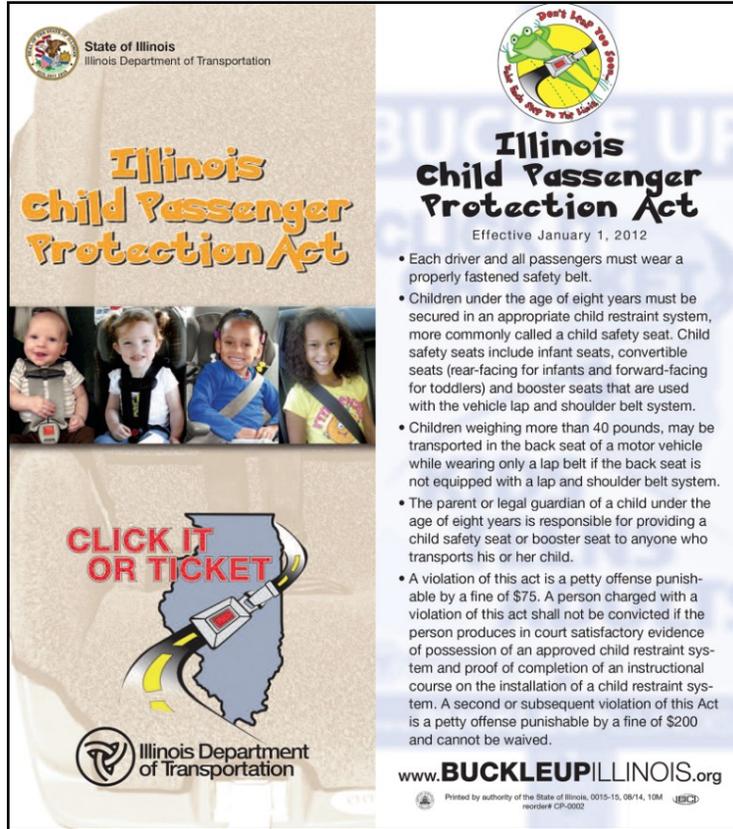
Child Restraints for Newborn Infants

Trust Us, We've Got Your Child's Back



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

SAFETY BELT EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS - IL SAFETY BELT USE LAW PAMPHLET



The Western Springs Police Department also hands out or has readily available at the police department, our Educational Pamphlets in Foreign Languages.

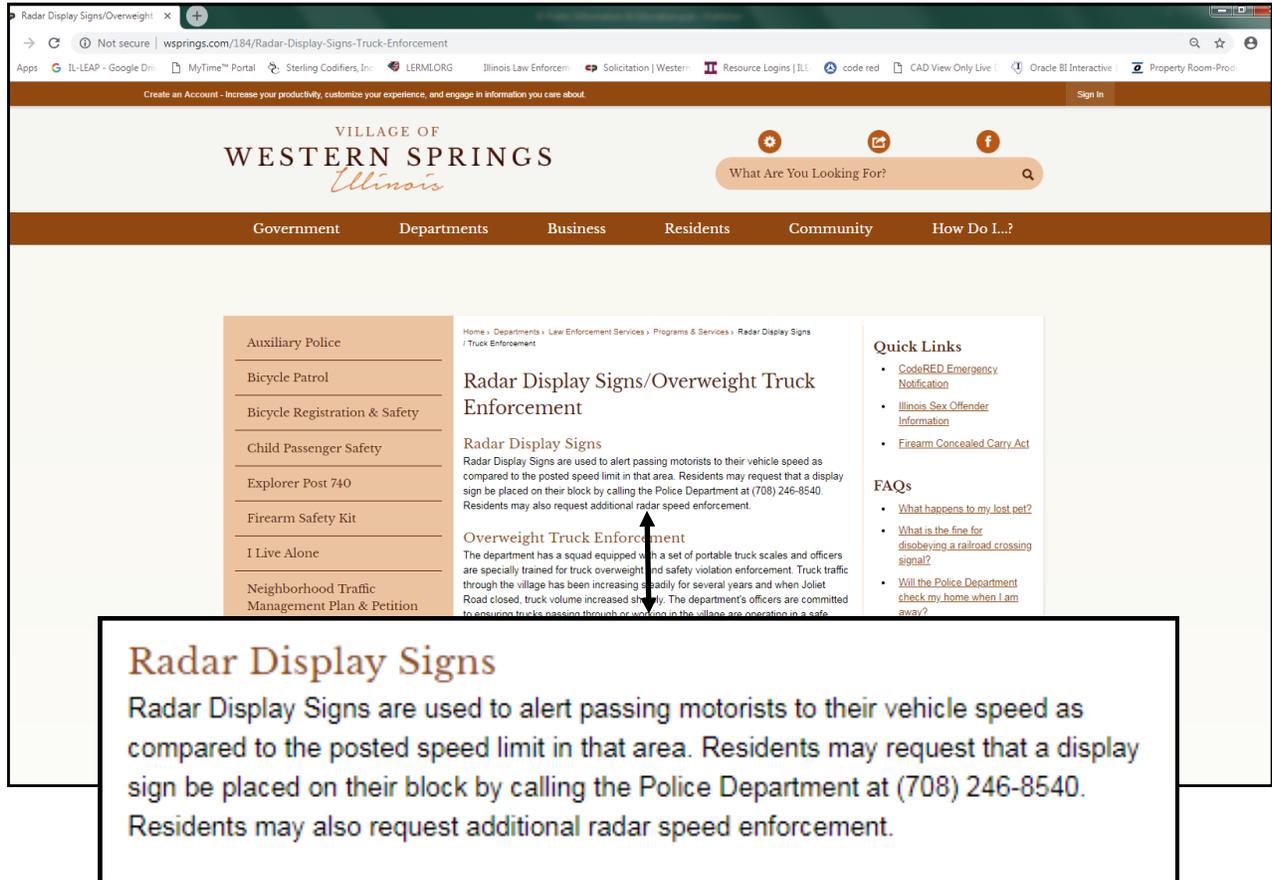
EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOREIGN LANGUAGE



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

RADAR TRAILER/SPEED SENTRY SIGNS

The Western Springs Police Department has a new radar trailer and have four sentry speed signs that we use. The speed signs and trailer are used primarily to alert passing motorists to their vehicle's speed as compared to the posted speed limit in that area. They are put in in school zones or locations where we have Directed Patrols. On the Western Springs Police Department's website, there is a link for people to visit to learn more about the trailer, <http://wsprings.com/184/Radar-Display-Signs-Truck-Enforcement>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for the Village of Western Springs, Illinois. The page title is "Radar Display Signs/Overweight Truck Enforcement". The navigation menu includes Government, Departments, Business, Residents, Community, and How Do I...?. The main content area features a sidebar with a list of services: Auxiliary Police, Bicycle Patrol, Bicycle Registration & Safety, Child Passenger Safety, Explorer Post 740, Firearm Safety Kit, I Live Alone, and Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan & Petition. The main text area is titled "Radar Display Signs/Overweight Truck Enforcement" and contains the following text:

Radar Display Signs
Radar Display Signs are used to alert passing motorists to their vehicle speed as compared to the posted speed limit in that area. Residents may request that a display sign be placed on their block by calling the Police Department at (708) 246-8540. Residents may also request additional radar speed enforcement.

Overweight Truck Enforcement
The department has a squad equipped with a set of portable truck scales and officers are specially trained for truck overweight and safety violation enforcement. Truck traffic through the village has been increasing steadily for several years and when Joliet Road closed, truck volume increased sharply. The department's officers are committed to ensuring trucks passing through or working in the village are operating in a safe...

Quick Links

- [CodeRED Emergency Notification](#)
- [Illinois Sex Offender Information](#)
- [Firearm Concealed Carry Act](#)

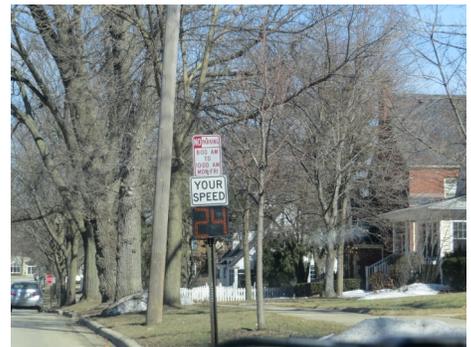
FAQs

- [What happens to my lost pet?](#)
- [What is the fine for disobeying a railroad crossing signal?](#)
- [Will the Police Department check my home when I am away?](#)

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Photos (below): Speed Sentry Signs.



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

DIRECTED PATROL

Directed Patrols are locations that have a high number of speed related crashes or locations where we receive a high number of resident complaints. Below is an example of the Frontline Directed Patrols.



FRONTLINE
PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS

Daily Activity Report Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/2018

Directed Patrol

SUBJECT	LOCATION	CAD/REPORT #	DESCRIPTION	START DATE	END DATE	AREA/BEAT	TIME STAMP
Stop Sign Enforcement	42nd street franklin ave		stop sign enformceent	6/20/2018	6/21/2018	Area 1	06/19/2018 / 11:36 AM Shaun O'Connor
Traffic Light Enforcement	ogden ave / wolf rd		traffic light	6/19/2018	6/19/2018	Area 1	06/19/2018 / 11:39 AM Shaun O'Connor
Speeding Enforcement	42nd street and wolf rd		check for speeding vehicles	6/27/2018	7/4/2018	Area 1	06/26/2018 / 03:29 PM Shaun O'Connor
Stop Sign Enforcement	Hillgrove Ave / Wolf Rd		Stop sign enforcement test	7/18/2018	7/21/2018	Area 1 Ogden Ave - Hillgrove Ave	07/16/2018 / 10:55 AM Shaun O'Connor
Issue Date	Start Time	End Time	Ticket Type	Tickets	Warnings	Narrative	Officer
7/19/2018	4:00 AM	7:45 AM	Select	3	1		Shaun O'Connor
7/18/2018	4:15 AM	8:45 AM	Select	3	4		Shaun O'Connor



SPEED RELATED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

PAMPHLETS

BOOKMARKS

BE SAFE, BE SMART, BE COOL!

10 Safe Driving Tips

1. Buckle Up, Every Trip, Every Time.
2. Require all passengers to Buckle up.
3. Don't drive impaired.
4. Be alert.
5. Don't drive drowsy.
6. Pull over to use cell phone.
7. **Speed Kills.** Obey the speed limit.
8. Keep inside noise to a minimum, ask friends to keep it down.
9. Keep your eyes on the road.
10. Be responsible, your life and others depend on it!

SCHOOL SLOW FOR YELLOW 25 PULL OVER FOR BLUE

SPEEDING
Stop speeding before it stops you

Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Traffic Safety

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TRAFFIC CALMING

DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

YOUR SPEED
SPEED LIMIT

Illinois Department of Transportation

ARE YOU AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER?
DO YOU?

- **Aggressive:** Violation: Taking out your frustration on your fellow motorists can lead to a bad accident.
- **Don't let your emotions when driving.** Reading, eating, drinking or talking on the phone can be a major cause of crashes that can result in serious disability or injuries.
- **Adjust:** This is a major cause of crashes that can result in serious disability or injuries.
- **Makes Frequent Lane Changes.** If you whip in and out of lanes to advance ahead, you can be a danger to other motorists.
- **Run red lights.** Do not enter an intersection on a yellow light. Remember: flashing red lights should be treated as a stop sign.
- **Speed.** Stop faster than the posted speed limit, being a "road racer" and going too fast for conditions are some examples of speeding.

LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

- **Plan ahead.** Allow yourself extra time.
- **Concentrate.** Do not allow yourself to become distracted by talking on your cellular phone, eating, drinking or juggling on roadway.
- **Relax.** Turn the radio to your favorite relaxing music. Music can ease your nerves and help you to enjoy your time in the car.
- **Obey the posted speed limit.** Fewer crashes occur where vehicles are traveling at or about the same speed.
- **Usefully alternate routes.** Try mapping out an alternate route. Even if it looks longer on paper, you may find it to be less congested.
- **Use public transportation.** Public transportation can give you some much needed relief from the behind the wheel.
- **Just be safe.** If it ever fails, just be late.

WHEN CONFRONTED WITH AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS

- Get out of the way. Stop and honk and make every attempt to get out of their way.
- **Put Your Head Down.** Do not challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold your own in your travel lane.
- **Avoid eye contact.** Eye contact can sometimes engage an aggressive driver.
- **Get away.** Ignore gestures and refuse to return them.
- **Report serious aggressive driving.** You or a passenger may call the police. But if you use a cell phone, pull over to a safe location.

ES UN CONDUCTOR AGRESIVO...

- **Excesos su frenado al volante.** Esto puede conducir a un choque o a un acto de violencia.
- **Se distrae al manejar.** Usar celular o hablar por teléfono pueden ser la causa de serres choques.
- **Se mueve sin advertencia.** Conducir demasiado cerca del auto que tiene delante es una de las principales causas de muchos choques.
- **Cambiar de carril frecuentemente.** "Cullear" sin motivo del tráfico para rebasar a otros vehículos puede ser muy peligroso.
- **Se pasa la luz roja.** No cruzar intersecciones si la luz ya cambió a amarillo. Recuerde que las luces rojas intermitentes se consideran como luz roja.
- **Excesos de ritmo de velocidad.** Ir demasiado rápido durante condiciones climáticas difíciles también conduce a los

COMO CONDUCIRSE CON CALIDAD

- **Planifique.** Dése más tiempo del necesario para llegar.
- **Concéntrate.** No se distraiga hablando por teléfono, comiendo o poniéndose maquillaje.
- **Relájese.** Ponga música suave y relajante en la radio. La música puede ayudarle a calmarse y a disfrutar al viajar.
- **Mantenga la velocidad adecuada.** Siempre chequee cuando cuando los vehículos van a más o menos la misma velocidad.
- **Respete las señales.** A veces la ruta que se parece más larga en el mapa puede ser la más rápida.
- **Use el transporte público.** Opciones temporales de los ferrocarriles de conducir.
- **Simplemente.** Entran lento. Recuerde: "Más vale tarde que nunca".

QUE HACER SI LO CONFRONTA UN CONDUCTOR AGRESIVO

- **Sálgase de su camino.** Párese y antes que nada, vélese de su camino.
- **Evite el contacto visual.** Mirar a un conductor agresivo a los ojos puede empeorar el asunto.
- **Evite el contacto físico.** Ignorar sus gestos y reducir los niveles.
- **Denuncie a los conductores agresivos.** Usted o un pasajero puede llamar a la policía. Pero, si usa un teléfono celular, deténgase en un lugar seguro antes de llamar.

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STOP AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

ALTO AL MANEJO AGRESIVO

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IMPAIRED DRIVING EDUCATIONAL HANDOUTS

KISS IT GOOD-BYE IF YOU DRINK AND DRIVE

Driving Offenses
If you are under age 21 and drive with any alcohol in your system, you will lose your license for 3 months. The second time, you will lose your license for an entire year.

If you are under age 21 and drive with an illegal blood alcohol limit of .08 or greater, you will lose your license for a minimum of 6 months (minimum 2 years if convicted of DUI) and pay fines up to \$2,500. The second time, you'll lose your license for a minimum of 1 year (minimum 5 years if convicted of DUI). Also, if you are 18 or older, in order to receive driving relief during the time of your license suspension and/or revocation you will also be required to operate only vehicles equipped with a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID).

Alcohol Offenses
If you receive court supervision relating to illegal consumption, possession, purchase or receipt of alcohol, regardless of whether a vehicle was involved, you will lose your license for 3 months; For a first conviction you will lose your license for 6 months and for a second conviction you will lose your license for 1 year.

If you are age 21 or older and you are convicted of providing alcohol to a minor, you face 1 year possible imprisonment and fines up to \$2,500.

If you are under age 21 and are convicted of having open alcohol in your car, you will lose your license for 1 year.

Fraudulent Identification Offenses
If you have fraudulent identification, you will lose your license for 1 year, and face possible imprisonment of 1 year and fines up to \$2,500.

If you allow another person to use your driver's license, you will lose your license for 1 year, and face 1 year possible imprisonment and fines up to \$2,500.

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GIVE THE GIFT OF A LIFT DESIGNATE A SOBER DRIVER

Safe Partying Plans
For Those Age 21 and Older

If you are driving:

- Designate your sober driver before the party begins. Give that person your car keys.
- Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself - alternate with alcohol-free drinks, eat, take breaks.
- Don't drive yourself before or during the party. Enjoy the food as well as the drinks.
- Don't even think about getting behind the wheel if you've been drinking!
- Only accept a ride with a sober driver.
- Call a friend or taxi to pick you up.
- Or, stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

If you catch a buzz, please catch a ride

Remember:

- Only time will sober you up - not coffee, not a cold shower, not fresh air, not exercise.
- A 12 ounce beer, a 5 ounce glass of wine, 12 ounces white alcohol and 1.5 ounces of liquor all contain the same amount of alcohol.
- After drinking, even people who do not stumble or slur their words may be too impaired to drive.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK

Safe Party Plans
For Those Age 21 and Older

If you are the host:

- Stay within your limits in order to ensure your guests stay within theirs.
- Upon arrival, ask guests to give you their car keys. Return them only to sober drivers.
- Serve lots of food, particularly high-protein dishes. Avoid salty snacks, which tend to make people drink more.
- Appoint a reliable bartender to keep track of guest drinking. Don't let guests mix their own drinks.
- Never serve alcohol to anyone under the age of 21, and never ask children to serve alcohol at the party.
- Set up a non-alcohol bar with attractive "drinks or mocktails" of flavored waters and tropical juices or an alcohol-free punch.
- Organize the fun. Keep guests socializing with music and party games. Reach out to someone who seems to be alone.
- Stop serving alcohol 30 minutes before the end of the party and take the time to serve a great dessert.
- Give designated drivers a special gift in appreciation of their role.
- Make certain that all guests leave with a sober driver and encourage car-pooling. Keep the numbers for local cab companies handy.
- Rather than allowing anyone to drive impaired, insist that guests stay the night.
- Always remind guests to buckle up on the way home - it's their best defense against an impaired driver.

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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

DUI

Blood Alcohol Content and Driving Skills Impairment

0.01
Divided attention, reaction time and visual function

0.02
Eye movement, control, standing steadiness, emergency responses

0.03
Coordination

0.05
Information processing, judgment

0.08
Concentrated attention, speed control

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Driving Under the Influence

Impaired driving remains one of our nation's serious public health challenges. The numbers speak for themselves:

- Each alcohol related traffic death costs our nation an average of 37 years of life lost. In contrast to 16 years for cancer and 12 for heart disease.
- The cost of an alcohol related injury is 50 percent higher than the cost of the average motor vehicle injury because people in alcohol related crashes are usually severely injured.
- Impaired driving is no accident. It is a crime that kills every 33 minutes
- DUI and DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) account for almost 1.5 million arrests annually. The same number as for larceny or theft and drug abuse.
- The majority of impaired drivers killed in the United States are highly intoxicated. Nearly half have a Blood Alcohol Content at or above .20, which is over twice the legal limit in Illinois.
- Over one-third of college students report having driven while intoxicated within the past year.

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ARE YOU SMART ENOUGH? TO STAY OUT OF JAIL.

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ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECKPOINTS

WHY? Safety CHECKPOINTS

AREN'T ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECKPOINTS INCONVENIENT FOR MOTORISTS?
Well planned RSCs only delay motorists about as long as a stop at a traffic signal. Should traffic back up, law enforcement officers stop the check and continue when congestion is cleared. In a national survey, 71% of the public supports RSCs to reduce impaired driving.

HOW CAN THE EXPENSE OF ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECKPOINTS BE JUSTIFIED IN LIMITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BUDGETS?
Impaired driving prevention is an important and effective role for law enforcement in reducing injuries and saving lives. Criminal arrests are sometimes made during these checks. Local, county and state law enforcement agencies are often able to share the costs for equipment and personnel.

HOW DOES IMPAIRED DRIVING AFFECT OUR SOCIETY?
Nationally, economic costs of alcohol-related crashes are estimated to be \$62 billion annually. In Illinois alone, it is over \$1 billion each year.

ARE ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECKPOINTS LEGAL?
RSCs are a proven way to catch impaired drivers and get them off the roads. Also, RSCs reduce impaired driving because people fear they will be caught when law enforcement agencies are out in force.

HOW DO ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECKPOINTS DETER IMPAIRED DRIVERS?
Drivers tend to change their driving habits when they know an RSC is being held in their area. The perceived threat of getting caught driving impaired increases so they use a designated driver and other safe alternatives like public transportation rather than getting behind the wheel after drinking.

HOW SIGNIFICANT A PROBLEM IS IMPAIRED DRIVING?
Nationally, in the last few years, 32% of motor vehicle crash fatalities involved an alcohol-impaired driver. In Illinois, that percentage is at 35%. Nearly one million people are injured and one million cars crash because of impaired driving. Impaired driving is a major social problem in America, but it is completely preventable.

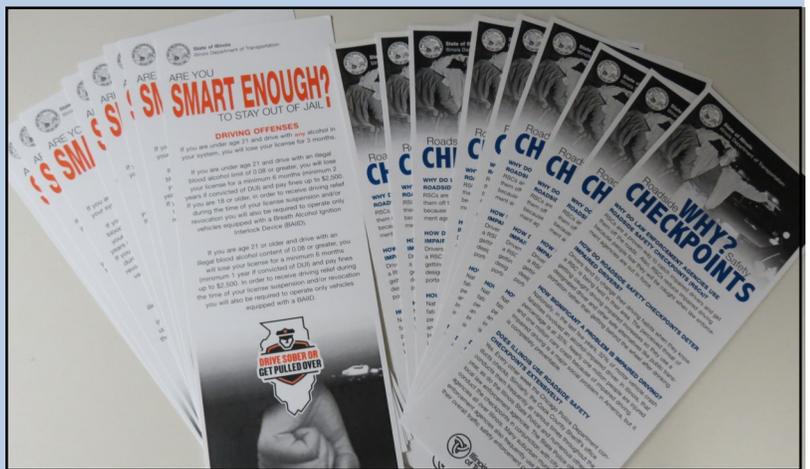
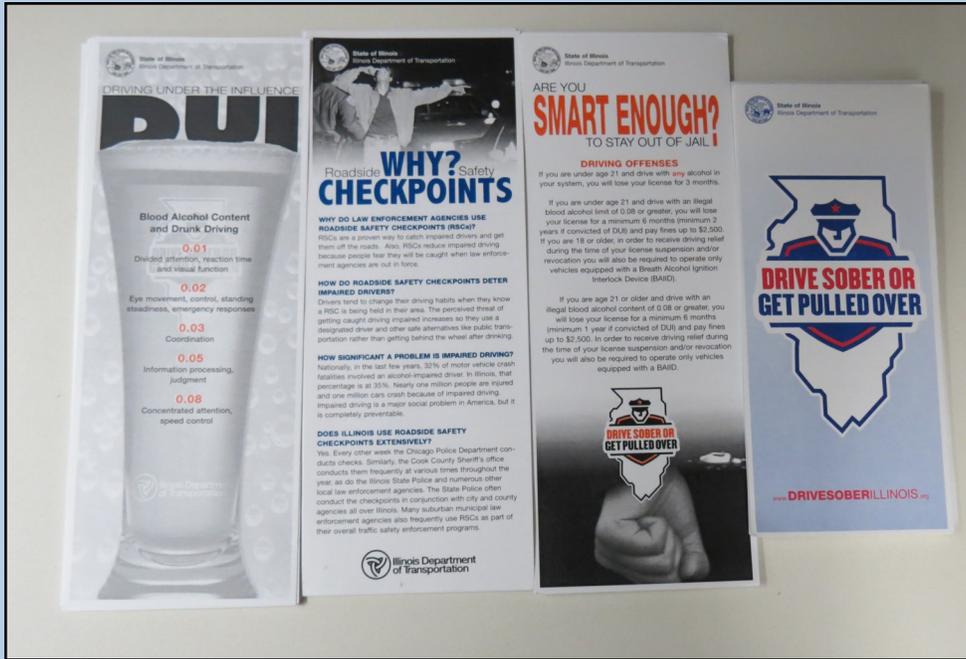
DOES ILLINOIS USE ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECKPOINTS EXTENSIVELY?
Yes. Every other week the Chicago Police Department conducts checkpoints. Similarly, the Cook County Sheriff's office conducts them frequently at various times throughout the year, as do the Illinois State Police and numerous other local law enforcement agencies. The State Police often conduct the checkpoints in conjunction with city and county agencies all over Illinois. Many suburban municipal law enforcement agencies also frequently use RSCs as part of their overall traffic safety enforcement programs.

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DISTRACTED DRIVING EDUCATIONAL HANDOUTS



What is Being Done?

Current Illinois laws in place to deter cell phone use while driving:

1. As of Jan 1, 2014, Illinois prohibits use of all hand-held devices while driving, allowing only hands-free or headsets usage.
2. Ban on cell phone (hands-free and hand-held) use by school bus drivers.
3. Ban on cell phone (hands-free and hand-held) use by novice drivers.
4. Ban on cell phone use (hands-free and hand-held) in construction and schools zones.
5. Ban on texting for all drivers.
6. Ban on cell phone use (hands-free and hand-held) by all commercial vehicle drivers.

Distracted Driving

Definition: Distracted driving is any nondriving activity a person engages in that takes attention away from the primary task of driving.

Distracted driving is one of the most dangerous activities that almost everyone is guilty of doing. Finding a way to stop this activity in Illinois has become a priority at the Illinois Department of Transportation.



Statistics

- According to a study by Carnegie Mellon, driving while on your phone reduces brain activity by 37 percent. (Source: www.Distracted.gov)
- 80 percent of people admit to driving distracted. (Source: www.taletothewheel.net)
- Cell phone use while driving impairs reactions as much as having a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.08. Ultimately, you are just as dangerous as a drunk driver. (Source: www.Distracted.gov)
- Passengers increase the likelihood

3 Key Points to Safe Driving

1. Manual keep hands on the wheel
2. Cognitive keep mind on driving
3. Visual keep eyes on road

Examples of Distracted Driving:

1. Texting
2. Talking on the phone
3. Eating
4. Grooming
5. Daydreaming
6. Reaching for an object
7. Listening to loud music
8. Reading anything other than road signs
9. Any activity requiring a driver to stop thinking about driving and look away from the road or take hands off the steering wheel.



Consequences of Distracted Driving

Not all results of distracted driving are defined. What little control you have over your car while driving distracted can effect you and others in serious ways.

Examples of the consequences are listed below:

1. Death
2. Crashes
3. Tickets / fines
4. Jail Time
5. Emotional Damage
6. Limited employment opportunities

Teens and Distracted Driving

The unmistakable, invincible power teens feel behind the wheel contributes to many traffic crashes each year. Teens are novice drivers and if there is a cell phone in their hands, the likelihood of a crash occurring is four times higher. It is critical to deter teen cell phone use while driving.

For more information on preventing distracted driving please visit:

www.TEENSAFEDRIVINGILLINOIS.org

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HAND-HELD CELLPHONE BAN IN ILLINOIS

- New state law prohibits motorists from talking on all but hands-free mobile phones while driving.
- New state law imposes fines starting at \$75 for drivers caught using a hand-held cellphone. Drivers could pay \$150 for repeat offenses and may eventually have their driver's licenses suspended.

HOW TO AVOID DISTRACTED DRIVING

- **Turn it off.** Stow your phone out of sight and out of reach.
- **Stop first.** If you have to make a call, pull over to a safe area.
- **Ask a passenger.** Have a passenger make a call or respond to a text for you.
- **Take control.** Set climate controls and adjust seat and steering wheel before driving.
- **Spread the word.** Record a phone message that warns callers that you're driving and will call back later.
- **Be prepared.** Program navigational devices or review written directions before driving.
- **Finish first.** Complete your personal grooming and eating before hitting the road.
- **Buckle up.** Secure children and pets before driving. If they need attention, pull over.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY (March 13, 2018) - PRESS RELEASE

The Western Springs Police Department Press Release from March 13, 2018, our department participated in a Mobilization Enforcement. The Press Release below was released by the Public Information Officer announcing our involvement in the "St. Patrick's Day Campaign."

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**WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE**

**WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN
ST. PATRICK'S DAY "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" CAMPAIGN**

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WESTERN SPRINGS, IL – March 13, 2018 – The Western Springs Police Department will be participating in a statewide St. Patrick's Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign from March 13th through March 17th. Police Officers will be increasing their visible traffic enforcement primarily focusing on impaired driving and unbuckled motorists throughout Western Springs.



Illinois Department of Transportation data shows that 58 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes on the weekends prior to, and after, March 17th from 2012 to 2016; 16 of the fatalities involved at least one driver who had been drinking. In 2016 alone, 15 people were killed during those two weekends and four died as a result of crashes involving at least one driver who had been drinking.

Additional enforcement will take place late at night when seat belt use is at its lowest and impaired driving is at its highest.

The Western Springs Police would like to remind the public to designate a sober driver and to buckle up – that is always your best defense against an impaired driver. Driving impaired is a deadly decision and it is against the law. Please be responsible while celebrating this St. Patrick's Day holiday.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY NEWS MEDIA

The *DOINGS* news report on our St. Patrick's Day results.

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Western Springs Police Conduct St. Patrick's Day Campaign

The enforcement campaign will run from March 13 through March 17.

By Andrea Earnest, Patch Staff



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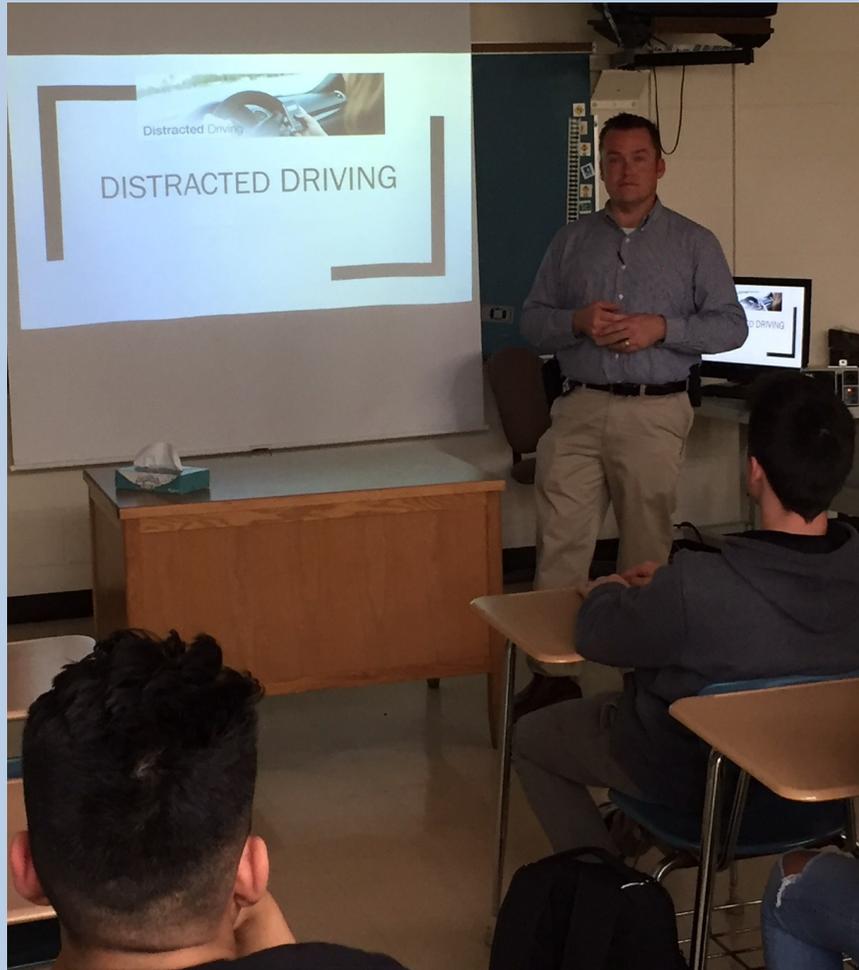


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Additional enforcement will take place late at night when seat belt use is at its lowest and impaired driving is at its highest, the department said. Western Springs Police reminds the public to designate a sober driver and to buckle up – that is always your best defense against an impaired driver.

DISTRACTED DRIVING Classes

Officer Hull conducted a Distracted Driving training class for LTHS students at the start of April 2018.



THE DOINGS DISTRACTED DRIVING NEWS

Western Springs | News | Apr 20

Western Springs Participates In Distracted Driving Awareness

The Western Springs Police Department will participate in the second annual Distracted Driving Week on April 23-27.

By Andrea Earnest, Patch Staff



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WESTERN SPRINGS, IL — The Western Springs Police Department will participate in the second annual Distracted Driving Week education and enforcement campaign on April 23-27. The Western Springs Police Department said it will be increasing public education and enforcement efforts during Distracted Driver Awareness Week.

Chief Brian Budds would like to encourage all drivers to refrain from the use of a mobile communication device while driving. The second annual Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week is a coordinated effort between the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, AAA, Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois High School High School and College Driver Education Association and nearly 300 local law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois to educate motorists about the dangers of driving while distracted and enforcing the laws on Illinois' roadways.

According to the department, last year's DDAW efforts resulted in over 18,000 warnings and citations for distracted driving offenses. In addition to traffic enforcement, the Western Springs Police said it will also participate in educational activities in coordination with the IHSCDEA including:

- Teach about the dangers of distracted driving in high school driver's education classes
- Utilize Safety Serve DDAW lessons in schools
- Work with teens to display distracted driving posts around the community
- Promote distracted driving messages through department's social media platforms
- Promote safe driving at Lyons Township High School South Campus

WESTERN SPRINGS NEWS

CLICK IT OR TICKET CAMPAIGN

The Western Springs Police Department noted in the March / April Tower Topics on our participation in the “Click It Or Ticket Campaign.” The Western Springs local area news outlets disseminate information on the police department’s traffic enforcement.

Neighbors Protecting Neighbors



VOLUNTEER

For over 120 Years, the Fire Department has been providing quality fire protection and emergency medical services to the Village of Western Springs. The commitment of residents has enabled these services to flourish while containing costs. Although the fire station is staffed 24 hours a day with two certified firefighter paramedics, the Department relies heavily upon paid-on-call personnel. Paid-on-call or volunteer firefighters are individuals who provide vital services to the community.

The Western Springs Fire Department exemplifies the caring nature of Village residents. Although caring and involvement can be expressed in many ways, there is no greater service than “neighbors protecting neighbors” in a time of need.

Beginning in September 2019, the Department will be looking for individuals who are:

- Energetic and physically fit
- Minimum age of 18
- Live in the Village or within a mile of the border.

Residents who would like to become part of the team, would like to receive more information, or have questions, can contact fireinfo@wsprings.com.

Don't forget to visit the “Western Springs Department of Fire and EMS” Facebook Page and the Department’s Village web page at www.wsprings.com/152/Fire-Emergency-Medical-Services for events and more information.



SUMMER HOURS

The business hours for Village Hall and Community Development will change beginning Monday, May 21, and ending Tuesday, September 4. The hours will be as follows: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to noon.

2018 Household Spring Cleanup Day

Household Cleanup Day allows residents to dispose of an unlimited amount of household items, carpeting (must be cut down to 4 feet in length, securely bundled, and no more than 60 pounds in weight), books, furniture, bikes, appliances, and white goods.

Items that are unacceptable are as follows:

- Household garbage
- Electronics
- Construction debris
- Scrap wood, railroad ties
- Concrete, asphalt, bricks
- Car parts
- Lawn mowers, snow blowers
- Tires
- Vehicle batteries
- Old paint (oil or latex)
- Gasoline, used motor oil
- Ammunition, explosives

Acceptable items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. For more information on this collection, please call Republic Services at 708-345-7050 or visit www.wsprings.com.



Click-It or Ticket

The Western Springs Police Department would like to remind residents to buckle up during the 2018 Memorial Day holiday. The Department will be participating in the Illinois “Click-It or Ticket” traffic safety campaign and enforcing seat belt and child safety seat laws during the month of May. The Western Springs Police Department will be partnering with state, county, and local police agencies in an effort to reduce traffic crash fatalities and injuries. Regular seat belt use is the best defense against impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers. Please buckle up!

Crosswalk Safety

Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility. Whether walking, driving a car, or riding a bike, please remember the following safety guidelines:



Pedestrians

- Before entering a crosswalk, whether marked or unmarked, be sure to look both ways. It is the responsibility of the pedestrian to ensure that it is safe to cross the roadway.
- Establish eye contact with drivers so they are aware of your intentions to cross.
- Cross within the marked crossing lanes. Vehicles have the right of way when there are no crossing lanes marked.

Drivers

- Drivers are required to stop for pedestrians whether the crossing is marked or unmarked.
- Be attentive at crosswalks and be prepared to stop.

Cyclists

- While in the roadway, cyclists must operate under the same laws as a vehicle.
- When riding on a sidewalk, cyclists must obey all pedestrian signs and signals.

The Police Department has created a video on Crosswalk Safety and it is available for viewing on Comcast Channel 6, AT&T U-Verse, and www.wsprings.com.

IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER AND CLICK IT OR TICKET CAMPAIGN

(August 30, 2018) - PRESS RELEASE

The Press Release below was released by the Public Information Officer announcing our participation in the Labor Day Selective Traffic Enforcement Campaign.



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WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

Western Springs Police to Participate in Holiday Traffic Enforcement Campaign

WESTERN SPRINGS, IL, August 30, 2018 – The Western Springs Police Department will be participating and joining hundreds of law enforcement agencies in a statewide Labor Day - “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” enforcement campaign. As the Labor Day holiday is one of the most dangerous times on our roads, State and local law enforcement will be making a special effort leading up to and throughout the Labor Day holiday weekend to protect us all from drunk drivers. Patrol officers will be increasing visible traffic enforcement focusing on both impaired driving and unbuckled motorists in Western Springs especially during the late night hours.

The National Safety Council estimates 421 people may be killed and another 48,400 may be seriously injured in nationwide car crashes during the Labor Day weekend. The Western Springs Police would like to remind the public to designate a sober driver and to buckle up – that is always your best defense against an impaired driver.

Please be responsible while celebrating this Labor Day holiday. Remember, in Western Springs, if you don’t drive sober and buckle-up, you will get pulled over. For more information, please visit www.drivesoberillinois.org.

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IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

SPEED DETAIL ENFORCEMENT - PRESS RELEASE (July 23, 2018)

The Western Springs Police Department participated in a Special Traffic Enforcement Effort. On August 8, 2017 our department participated in the campaign. The Press Release below was disseminated by the Deputy Chief of Police announcing the Enforcement Effort.



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***Western Springs Police Join Forces with Agencies Statewide for
2018 Illinois Speed Awareness Day Campaign***

Western Springs, IL -7-23-18 – During Illinois Speed Awareness Day this July 25th, the Western Springs Police Department is taking a proactive approach to promote safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists through both education and enforcement. In Illinois during 2016, speed was the reason for 34.2% of all fatal crashes. That's 369 deaths for the year, or one life every 23.7 hours. These lives can be easily saved by being aware of our speed and understanding how speeding impacts a crash.

In residential areas, speeding can have the following consequences:

- When a pedestrian is hit by a car at 20 MPH there is a 10% likelihood of being killed, at a speed of 30 MPH the percentage increases to a 50% likelihood of being killed.
- The higher the speed at impact, the more severe the injuries sustained.
- 37% of the speed-related crashes result in injuries.
- When speeding there is a greater chance that other road users will misjudge how fast you are traveling.
- Speeding extends the distance required to stop a vehicle in emergency situations.
- Speeding reduces a driver's ability to navigate safely around curves or objects in the roadway.

Let's all do our part by taking a proactive approach to prevent fatalities and reduce injuries on the roadways by being aware of our speed and obeying the speed limit signs ALL the time. If you would like more information about Illinois Speed Awareness Day, please visit www.illinoispeedawarenessday.org.

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By Andrea Earnest, Patch Staff

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By Andrea Earnest, Patch Staff | Jul 23, 2018 4:15 pm ET

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IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

CLICK IT OR TICKET AND DRIVE SOBER HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN - MEMORANDUM

(November 19, 2018)

The Western Springs Police Department received the Holiday Mobilization Grant which allowed us to increase our traffic enforcement. Through November 26, 2018, our department will participate in the holiday campaign. The Memorandum below was released by the Chief announcing our participation in the Traffic Campaign.



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WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

Western Springs Police to Participate in Thanksgiving Holiday Selective Traffic Enforcement Campaign

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WESTERN SPRINGS, IL – November 19, 2018 – The Western Springs Police Department will be participating in a statewide Thanksgiving Holiday “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click It or Ticket” enforcement campaign from November 19th through November 26th. Police Officers will be increasing their visible traffic enforcement primarily focusing on impaired driving and unbuckled motorists throughout Western Springs.



The Holiday Season is known for being merry and bright, but they’re also known for being the deadliest season when it comes to drunk driving. Every holiday season, lives are lost due to drunk drivers. Whether you are traveling across town or across the state this Thanksgiving, please make sure everyone in the vehicle is wearing their seat belt – it is the law. IDOT is proud that Illinois has a 93 percent seat belt usage rate, however, far too many drivers and passengers still do not buckle up - especially late at night.

Additional enforcement will take place late at night when seat belt use is at its lowest and impaired driving is at its highest.

The Western Springs Police would like to remind the public to designate a sober driver and to buckle up – that is always your best defense against an impaired driver. Driving impaired is a deadly decision and it is against the law. Please be responsible while celebrating this Thanksgiving holiday. Remember, in Western Springs, if you do not drive sober, you will be pulled over. For more information, please visit www.buckleupillinois.org.

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CLICK IT OR TICKET AND DRIVE SOBER HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN - MEMORANDUM

(December 29, 2017)

The Western Springs Police Department aggressively enforce violations of the law including impaired driving, seatbelt and child safety seat usage. The Memorandum below was released by the Chief of Police in regards to our enforcement.

**CHIEF BRIAN J. BUDDS
WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT**



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 29, 2017

To: All Staff

RE: New Year's Holiday Selective Traffic Enforcement Directive

During this upcoming New Year's holiday period, State, county, and local law enforcement will be on the lookout for impaired drivers as well as those who speed and don't buckle-up. Nationwide, the holiday season is historically a deadly time due to the high volume of impaired drivers on the roadways. According to IDOT, Illinois is experiencing a second consecutive year of more than 1,000 motor vehicle crash fatalities. In 2016, there were 1,078 fatalities and the current pace may match or surpass that. During New Year's weekend over the past five years, there have been 46 fatalities on Illinois roadways, of which 41 percent involved alcohol.

According to NHTSA, an average of 300 people perished in drunk driving-related crashes during the Christmas through New Year's holiday period over the past 5 years.

I am directing our entire patrol staff to aggressively enforce all violations of the law which include but are not limited to; impaired driving, excessive speeding, seat belt, and child safety seat usage during this upcoming New Year's holiday.

I want to thank everyone for their tireless selective traffic enforcement efforts during this past year. Best wishes to you and your families for a healthy and prosperous New Year in 2018!

IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

RAILROAD SAFETY and OPERATION LIFESAVER

Railroad safety is a matter of great importance to the Western Springs Police Department. There are three highway rail grade crossing along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) line. Close to 170 trains, including Metra's commuter service runs through our Village each day. We have 4 quadrant gates at our 3 separate crossings and we also have 2 pedestrian crossings. Tracks can pose a serious safety concern when motorists and pedestrians do not obey the signals alerting them of a train approaching or leaving the station.

Starting in 2006, the Western Springs Police Department joined forces with Operation Lifesaver, a national, nonprofit public education program dedicated to ending traffic collisions, deaths, and injuries at grade crossing and along railroad right of ways.



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

TRAIN AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS THROUGH TOWN



Gilbert Ave Crossing



Lawn Ave Crossing



Clausen Ave Pedestrian Underpass



Grand Ave Crossing



Wolf Rd Crossing



Central Ave Pedestrian Walking Path

PROMOTING TRAIN SAFETY THROUGH TOWER TOPICS AND CABLE CHANNEL 6

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By Andrea Earnest, Patch Staff | Sep 24, 2018 1:28 pm ET

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The department said enforcement details are planned throughout the week at various railroad grade crossings and commuter stations within Western Springs to cite both drivers and pedestrians who disobey the laws associated with railroad grade crossings and railroad property. In addition, police officers will be distributing literature to the public that contains information on how to be safe around trains and train tracks.

WESTERN SPRINGS, IL — Illinois Rail Safety Week has been declared as Sept. 23 to Sept. 29. The Western Springs Police Department will participate in the week and said it is taking a proactive approach to promote vehicle and pedestrian safety around railroad tracks and trains through both education and enforcement.

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police coordinating the fifth statewide Illinois Rail Safety Week in partnership with Metra, along with support from state, county, and local law enforcement agencies, railroads, schools, and various private sector agencies. In addition, Operation Lifesaver has declared the same week as national Rail Safety Week.

PROMOTING TRAIN SAFETY THROUGH TOWER TOPICS

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2018 TOWER TOPICS, “2018 Rail Safety Week

Senior Services
Senior Club

The Senior Club welcomes members back for the fall season! Individuals interested in joining can contact the Recreation Center with any questions at 708-246-9070.



Senior Center

Live and Learn: Seniors with unique experiences share those experiences in an informal setting with refreshments. Information on both senior living and life experiences will be shared. A **Cardiac Surgery and Rehab Live and Learn** will take place on October 11 at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to the Senior Center.

Safely Surviving This Crazy Mixed Up World: Pat Schramm (Village of Western Springs Technology Director), a representative from the Western Springs Police Department, a representative from the banking industry, and a representative from the investment industry will hold a presentation for Senior Center members about security challenges and scams, and how to identify and avoid them. This presentation will take place on Tuesday, September 25 from 1-3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to the Senior Center.

Let's Learn Something: Join Senior Center members for classes covering a variety of topics. These classes will center on PBS and Great Courses programs, such as *This Emotional Life, In Search of Ourselves and Happiness, Planet Earth, Math, Secrets of the Mind*, and more. These classes will take place on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. beginning October 2. Please R.S.V.P. to the Senior Center.

Movies: Join Senior Center members on September 27 for a viewing of *Murder on the Orient Express* and on October 25 for a viewing of *Get Out* from 1-3 p.m. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

Located in the Grand Avenue Community Center (4211 Grand Avenue), the Senior Center is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and is staffed for administrative purposes for four hours each day. To ensure the Center is properly staffed for your needs, please call ahead to make an appointment. Questions regarding the Senior Center and its programs may be directed to Mic at 708-246-3299 or mcagny@wsprings.com.

Holiday Tree Wanted

Do you have a large, magnificent evergreen tree on your property that you would like to donate to the Village of Western Springs? The Village is seeking a donation of a very large, well-shaped tree to light up the Tower Green for the 2018 holiday season. Removal and placement of the tree will be courtesy of the Village in mid-November. The tree will be featured at the tree lighting ceremony during the annual Western Springs Business Association Christmas Walk. If interested, please contact Roseann Tiritilli at rtiritilli@wsprings.com or 708-246-1800, ext. 200.



2018 Rail Safety Week

The Western Springs Police Department will be participating in the 2018 Illinois Rail Safety Week from September 23-29 to promote rail safety awareness and education. Heightened safety enforcement and public education will take place at the railroad grade crossings within Western Springs, focusing on both drivers and pedestrians who disobey the laws associated with railroad grade crossings and railroad property.



Look! Listen! Live!

A freight train moving at 55 miles per hour can take a mile or more to stop once the emergency brakes are applied. Pedestrians and drivers often misjudge the speed and distance of trains and sometimes wait for a train to pass, cross the tracks, and fail to realize that another train is coming from the opposite direction.

Please remember these basic safety rules when crossing the tracks:

- Only cross at the designated crossings at Gilbert Avenue, Wolf Road, Lawn Avenue, Grand Avenue or the pedestrian crossing at Central Avenue.
- Never walk along the tracks. This is trespassing and you may fall into the path of a train.
- Always obey the flashing warning lights and never go around gates that are down or even just starting to come down. Doing so not only endangers your safety but may also result in a ticket from the police with a state imposed mandatory fine of \$500.
- Never skateboard, rollerblade, or roller skate on the railroad platforms. This is also in violation of a Village ordinance.

Familiarity breeds contempt. You may go back and forth over the same track every day, but railroads operate around-the-clock and change schedules. Be alert!



IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

POLICE RAIL SAFETY PRESS RELEASE (SEPTEMBER 23, 2018)

The Western Springs Police Department coordinated a regional effort to reduce violations and collisions at all railroad crossings. This Press Release was handed out by the Public Information Officer in preparation for our 5th Annual "Illinois Rail Safety Week" Campaign.



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PRESS RELEASE

Illinois Rail Safety Week

**Western Springs Police, Partnering with Metra, is
Coordinating the 5th Annual Illinois Rail Safety Week**

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Western Springs, IL, September 23, 2018 – The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) has asked the Governor of the State of Illinois to declare September 23rd to 29th as Illinois Rail Safety Week. Western Springs Police Department is taking a proactive approach to promote vehicle and pedestrian safety around railroad tracks and trains through both education and enforcement. Governor Rauner issued a proclamation and the ILACP is coordinating the fifth, statewide Illinois Rail Safety Week in partnership with Metra, along with support from state, county, and local law enforcement agencies, railroads, schools, and various private sector agencies.

In addition, Operation Lifesaver has declared the same week as national Rail Safety Week, and the ILACP is proud to be part of the national effort. In Illinois during 2017, there were 86 collisions at public highway-rail crossings involving motor vehicles or pedestrians, which resulted in 24 injuries and 21 fatalities. In addition, there were 41 trespasser incidents that resulted in 26 injuries and 15 fatalities when people trespassed onto railroad property. During 2017, Illinois ranked 2nd in the nation in collision fatalities and 8th in the nation in trespasser fatalities.

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According to Illinois Operation Lifesaver, more than 84 percent of all collisions occur at crossings with active warning devices (flashing lights, gates, and ringing bells). For more information about Illinois Rail Safety Week, please visit www.illinoisrailsafetyweek.org or contact the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

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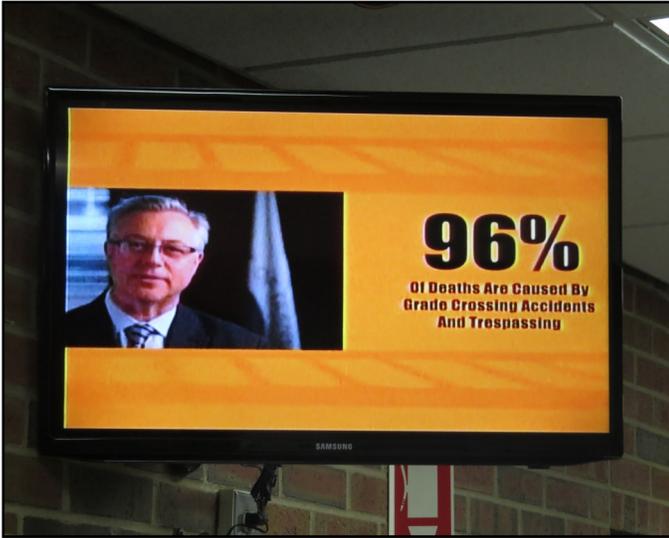
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PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS

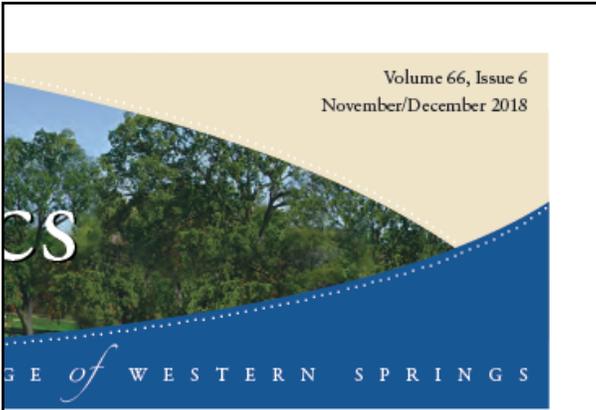
TELEVISION IN THE VILLAGE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY

Train Safety video in the Village lobby pointing out Train Statistics.



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19 Local Spring Elections

precinct leader. Complete information regarding the caucus and the upcoming election can be found on the caucus website. Under state law, a resident can also choose to run as an independent. Independents must submit their paperwork required by the State of Illinois during the established filing period. The guidelines for running as an independent are available on the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov.

Grand Re-Opening of the East Train Platform



Village President Alice Gallagher officially re-opens the East Train Platform with (from left to right) Congressman Dan Lipinski, former Village President William Rodeghier, Metra Board Member Stephen Palmer, State Senator John Carran, and State Representative and House Minority Leader, Jim Durkin.

The Village of Western Springs has officially re-opened the East Train Platform. This project was part of the ongoing downtown revitalization efforts designed to enhance the commuter experience through improvements in safety, aesthetics, and accessibility. Lower-level platforms adjacent to the Burlington Northern tracks on both sides were upgraded with a combination of paver bricks and new concrete, improved lighting, plantings, and improved seating. Funds for this project were provided through the federal Transportation Equity Act (TEA-LU), which were secured by Congressman Lipinski, Metra, and the Village of Western Springs. Other agencies involved in the completion of the project include the BNSF, Cook County, and IDOT.

WHEN THE GATES COME DOWN, AND THE LIGHTS ARE FLASHING...

DON'T CROSS THE TRACKS!!!

WARNING:

- WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE -
- LA GRANGE POLICE -
- BROOKFIELD POLICE -
- RIVERSIDE POLICE -
- BERWYN POLICE -

ENFORCE RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING SAFETY LAWS!!!

PEDESTRIAN DUTIES:
11-1101(b) No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or it being opened or closed.

MOTOR VEHICLE DUTIES:
11-1201(b) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed, or being opened or closed.

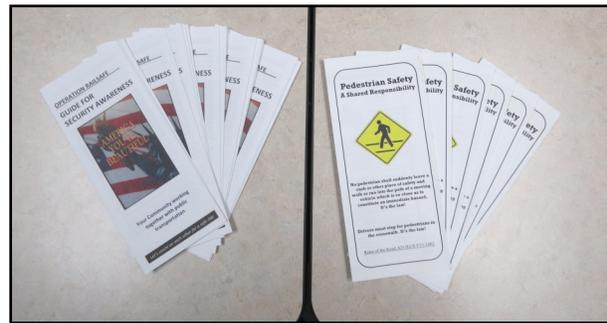
PENALTY:
\$500 mandatory fine
or 50 hours
community service

COMMON CAUSES OF CROSSING COLLISIONS:

- A person sees the train coming, but miscalculates speed and distance.
- The person sees the train to the crossing, and is either struck by the train or runs into the side of it.
- As the train clears the crossing, the person does not wait for the gates to come up, begins to cross, and is struck by a second train on an adjacent track.
- A person becomes "too familiar" with a crossing and loses too caution when approaching the crossing.
- The person fails to observe and obey the advance railroad warning sign and signal devices.
- A person is incapable of making a clear decision due to alcohol.

LOOK! - LISTEN! - LIVE!

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This Quiz Could Save Your Life.

Circle your answer for All 7 Questions

1 FLASHING RED LIGHTS AT HIGHWAY/RAIL GRADE CROSSINGS REQUIRE MOTORISTS TO:

A. Take a look to decide whether to stop or go.

B. Stop. Let the train pass. STOP and not the train. Flashing lights must be treated like a stop sign. Proceed only when it is safe to do so.

5 A TRAIN CAN BE EXPECTED ON ANY TRACK AT ANY TIME.

A. True

B. False

DEFINITE TRUE. Don't be fooled by your thinking with a crossing. There are no engine, day or night.

2 TRAINS EMPLOYING: ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE?

A. The train is closer and faster than you think.

B. A train striking a car is like your car striking a rock can.

TRUE. Both statements are true. If a car is at the crossing you lose.

6 IT'S NEVER SAFE TO DRIVE AROUND CROSSING GATES.

A. True

B. False

TRUE. NEVER drive around gates. You are violating the law and endangering your crossings. Do not use alcohol and get on up and lights go on.

3 WHAT DOES THE ADVANCE WARNING SIGN MEAN?

A. Slow down and prepare to stop if a train is coming.

B. Restrooms and recreation are ahead.

FALSE. Both signs mean you are about 3000 FEET away and have 60 seconds to stop if a train is coming.

7 THESE SIGNS HAVE THE SAME EFFECT.

A. True

B. False.

TRUE. Both signs require drivers to STOP at a highway rail grade crossing you must yield to an approaching train.

4 AT A CROSSING WITH TWO OR MORE TRACKS, SHOULD YOU PROCEED AS SOON AS THE LAST TRAIN CLEARS THE CROSSING?

A. Yes

B. No

NO. Wait for a clear view in both directions. Make sure neither train is not coming from other direction.

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IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

OPERATION LIFESAVER EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Stay Off, Stay Away, Stay Alive

Walking or playing on railroad tracks or the right-of-way on either side of the tracks is trespassing. It is illegal and can be deadly.



FIND A SAFER PLACE
Railroad tracks, yards and equipment are private property. Never walk, jog, fish or hunt from railroad tracks. If you are found on this property, you can be arrested or fined.



CROSSBUCK SIGN
This sign tells you trains run at this location. Cross tracks at the crossbuck sign only, not anywhere along the tracks.



USE ONLY DESIGNATED CROSSINGS
The only legal and safe place to cross railroad tracks is at a designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a gate. Crossing at any other location is illegal.



IF YOU SEE A TRAIN COMING, WAIT!
If you see flashing lights or a lowering gate, it means a train is approaching. Do not proceed until the gates go completely up and the lights go off. It is illegal to go around lowered gates.

Please help your family and friends make safe decisions around tracks and trains.

IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM AT A CROSSING

Report any problem - stalled vehicle on the tracks, damaged sign, obstructed view, signal malfunction - to the railroad immediately. Call the emergency notification number posted on or near the crossing, or notify local law enforcement.

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Myths or Realities? Pedestrian Safety Around Tracks & Trains.

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FOR PEDESTRIANS



How Well Can You Score for Safety?

Trains are part of everyday life. Don't be confused by people who tell you that just rest on the tracks means they're out of use. They're made of steel - it rusts! See if you can tell rusty myths from steady reality. Are you up to the challenge? Answer these questions, true or false:



1. Walking on railroad tracks, or the rights-of-way on either side of them, is illegal.
TRUE. It can take a mile or more to stop a train. That's 18 football fields! Even if the locomotive engineer spots you ahead, he cannot swerve or stop the train in time to avoid a collision.



2. You will be safe if you do not walk between the rails.
FALSE. Trains overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet in both directions. Loose straps hanging from freight cars may extend much further.



3. It is safe to cross the tracks anywhere as long as you can see 1/4 mile in each direction.
FALSE. The only safe place to cross is at a designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a

gate. If you cross at any other place, you are trespassing and can be ticketed or fined.



4. A locomotive is not always at the front of a train.
TRUE. Trains are sometimes pushed by locomotives instead of being pulled. Trains can move in either direction at any time - particularly commuter and light rail passenger trains.



5. It is safe to cross the tracks just as soon as the last car of a train passes the crossing.
FALSE. Your view of a second train might be blocked by the first. Wait after the first train passes until you can see clearly in both directions.



6. As a pedestrian, it is safe to ignore the flashing red lights at the crossing.
FALSE. Flashing red lights signal the approach of a train. Never walk past flashing lights or around lowered gates at a crossing. Wait until the lights have stopped flashing and the gate is up.



7. Trains are noisy. You will have plenty of time to step out of the train's path when you hear a train coming.
FALSE. Modern trains are quieter than ever, with no telltale "clickey-clack." An approaching train may be closer and moving faster than it appears.



8. Playing on rail equipment, tracks or railcars is forbidden.
TRUE. If you are in the rail yard or on railroad property uninvited, you are trespassing and subject to arrest and prosecution. Worse, you could lose your life.



9. Crossing tracks with a baby stroller, in a wheelchair or on other narrow wheels requires caution and extra attention.
TRUE. Narrow wheels can get caught at crossings. If possible, walk - don't roll - across. If you are in a wheelchair, consider getting assistance. Always cross at a 90-degree angle.

STAY OFF. STAY AWAY. STAY ALIVE.

What Types of Warning Devices May be Present?

There are different types of warning devices, but all safety rules apply to anyone around trains. Some typical types are listed here.



Warning Signs
Many pedestrian crossings or platforms may have different warning signs. All are "passive", and do not change when a train approaches. Always look before crossing. Trying to beat a train can cost you your life!



Flashing Lights on a Pedestrian Crossing and Yellow Safety Line
Flashing lights mean a train is approaching. Do not enter. Look for trains! Multiple tracks can mean multiple trains are approaching. Stay behind the yellow safety line until the train has stopped at the station. (Rapid transit stations may have a safety line, color identical to the route color.)



Pedestrian Gates
An extra set of gates block a pedestrian crossing when a train is approaching. Not every crossing has gates.



Passive Pedestrian Crossing
These crossings have no flashing lights or bells. There is no change in appearance when a train approaches. Always look for trains!



Any Time is Train Time!

Always assume a train is approaching on any track, in either direction.

HOW DOES OPERATION LIFESAVER WORK?
Operation Lifesaver's certified volunteer speakers present free rail safety information to people of all professions and age groups. Learn about operation Lifesaver's educational brochures and videos, materials for children and others, and training information at www.oll.org

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPERATION LIFESAVER, BECOMING A VOLUNTEER, OR SCHEDULING A PRESENTATION?

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Operation Lifesaver has brochures on both Highway-Rail Grade Crossings, and Pedestrian Safety Around Tracks & Trains. Contact your state coordinator for more information.

Always Look For Trains!

Key Safety Tips Around Commuter, Rapid Transit, and Intercity Trains

The Hazard Is Not Knowing



Around the Tracks

Always expect a train. A train can be on any track, in either direction at any time, (and it may not stop). Most passenger operations run on a fixed schedule, but express trains, special trains, late trains, and freight trains do not stop. Many stations have ticket agents and time tables for your convenience. Consult them.

Trains cannot stop quickly. An express passenger train takes one mile to stop. By the time the train crew sees you, it is far too late to stop. Trains run on fixed rails and cannot swerve to avoid a collision. Passengers must stay clear of the tracks and out of harm's way.

Locomotive may not always be in front. Some commuter operations use a cab car to shove in one direction, and pull in the other. Other commuter operations use a locomotive at both ends of the train. Electric trains and subways may not have any locomotive at all.

Trains can be very quiet, especially if the engine is at the rear. Do not assume that they will be able to hear the train coming.

Walking down railroad tracks is TRESPASSING. Railroad property is private. Stay off! Stay away! Stay Alive! Use the public sidewalks to and from the station. That path through the weeds may look like a shortcut, but it is trespassing, very dangerous, and against the law. (ILCS 5/18-7503) A \$150 fine may be imposed.

At the Station and On the Train

Stay behind the yellow line for all trains, until the train stops at the station. Because trains are much wider than the track, (5'6" foot width) Do not get caught by that blast of air when an express train runs through a station.

Warning devices are not alarm clocks; walk to the platform before the train arrives. Once you hear the bell or see the flashing lights, it is too late to cross the tracks. (ILCS 5/11-1011) Violators may be subject to \$250 fine and/or 25 hours of community service.

Do not stop once you start. If you start crossing and flashing lights begin, do not freeze; keep going. Warning signals allow enough time to continue over the crossing before the train arrives.

Ask which platform to use if you are unfamiliar with the train or train line. Remember: different railroads operate in different directions.

Stations are not shortcuts; stations are private property of the railroad. Pedestrians should not be on the platform unless they intend to board or leave the train.

Never go between, under, or over train cars. The train crew cannot see you, and could start the train, and cause serious injury.

Pick a car and stay there. Do not cross between cars unless the train is at a station. Cars can move suddenly in unexpected directions.

Crossing the Tracks

Take extreme care when crossing tracks with a bicycle, wheel chair or baby stroller. If possible, walk, do not roll, across. If in a wheelchair, request assistance and cross at a 90 degree angle to the rails. Be aware of the flange way. (that annoying groove just inside the rails.)

Note the optical illusion associated with trains, especially with express trains. In the distance, a fast-moving passenger train looks like it is moving very slowly, when in fact it could be approaching 79 mph. The eyes can be deceived, that express train may look like it is going to slow down and stop; whereas, it may continue through the station at 79 mph.

Always look for another train coming. Passengers may not see that second train; if it is blocked from view by the first train. If you are waiting for a train to pass, be patient. During out, just as the first train passes, may put you into the path of another train on a second track. Wait until the lights stop flashing and the train has completely cleared to cross good visibility.

Always cross tracks at pedestrian crossings, or at highway crossings. Crossing at any other location is trespassing. (ILCS 5/11-1011)

Beware of unexpected trains. Maybe you travel over the same track every day, perhaps several times a day. You have lived here all of your life and take the train times for granted. But railroads operate around the clock and often change schedules. Always remember: Any Time is Train Time!



Do your part. LOOK, LISTEN AND LIVE

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Tips for Professional Truck Drivers

Operation Lifesaver reminds professional drivers to stay alert at places where the roadway crosses train tracks.

STOPPING AT HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSINGS

Turn off noisy fans and radios. Look and listen for a train.

Stop no closer than 15 feet from the nearest rail.

While stopped, look carefully in each direction for approaching trains. Look back and forth in your seat to see around obstructions such as mirrors and windshield pillars.

Certain trucks carrying hazardous materials are required by law to STOP at all crossings. The requirements are explained in 49 CFR 392.

NOTE: Local and state laws may be more restrictive than the restrictions contained within this document.

BEFORE CROSSING TRACKS

If it won't fit, don't commit! Be sure there is enough space to clear the crossing without stopping. For safety, leave at least 15 feet between the rear of your trailer or extending load and the tracks.

Remember trains overhang at least 3 feet beyond the rail on each side.

Use the highest gear which will let you cross the tracks without shifting.

AS YOU CROSS

If the red lights begin to flash after you start across, keep going.

Key Safety Tips at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings

PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY



FOR PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVERS



Warning Signs & Devices



ADVANCE WARNING SIGN
This is usually the first sign you see when approaching a highway-rail grade crossing. Slow down, look and listen! Be prepared to stop if a train is approaching.



PAVEMENT MARKINGS
An XRR and a Stop Line may be painted on a paved road approaching a crossing. Stay behind the Stop Line while waiting for a train to pass. No Stop Line? Wait at least 15 feet from the nearest rail.



CROSSBUCK SIGN
This sign tells drivers to YIELD if a train is approaching. At multiple tracks, the number will be shown. Watch for another train coming from either direction on any track.



FLASHING RED LIGHT SIGNALS
You must STOP when these signals begin to flash. Do not proceed until the lights stop flashing.



GATES AND FLASHING RED LIGHTS
If you drive a towbig car carrier, or anything else low to the ground, the sign means you are at risk of getting hung up on the tracks. Do not proceed.



HUMP CROSSING SIGN
If you drive a towbig car carrier, or anything else low to the ground, the sign means you are at risk of getting hung up on the tracks. Do not proceed.

Tips for Staying Safe Around Tracks & Trains

LOOK BOTH WAYS!
Always expect a train. Trains can run on any track, at any time, in either direction. After a train passes, look both ways before proceeding.

DON'T GET STUCK ON THE TRACK!
Before you cross, be sure there is room on the other side to completely clear the tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet on each side. For safety, leave at least 15 feet between the rear of your vehicle and the nearest rail. Do not shift gears while crossing.

GET OUT! GET AWAY!
If your vehicle stalls at a crossing, get everyone out and far away immediately, even if you do not see a train. Call the emergency notification number posted on or near the crossing or notify local law enforcement.

IF YOU SEE A TRAIN COMING, WAIT!
Don't be tempted to try to beat a train. An approaching train may be closer and traveling faster than it appears.

TRAINS CANNOT STOP QUICKLY.
The average freight train traveling 55 miles per hour takes a mile or more to stop. That's 18 football fields. If the locomotive engineer can see you, it's too late to stop the train.

WATCH FOR VEHICLES THAT MUST STOP AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS.
Most states require school buses, commercial buses and trucks carrying hazardous materials to stop at every highway-rail grade crossing. (State laws vary.)

IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM AT A CROSSING.
Report any problem - stalled vehicle on the tracks, damaged sign, obstructed view, signal malfunction - to the railroad immediately. Call the emergency notification number posted on or near the crossing, or notify local law enforcement.

You Can Help Operation Lifesaver Save Lives

Please help your family members and friends make safe decisions around tracks and trains.

SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION.
IT'S FREE! Across the nation certified Operation Lifesaver Presenters are available to speak to student drivers, professional truck and bus drivers, school bus operators, general motorists, law enforcement, emergency responders and community groups.

VOLUNTEER!
Would you like to help deliver Operation Lifesaver's safety message in your community? Find out about becoming trained as an Operation Lifesaver Presenter or Associate.

VISIT
Visit www.oll.org or call Operation Lifesaver, Inc., at 1-800-537-6224 to contact your State Coordinator.



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Always Look For Trains!

IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

RAILROAD SAFETY - WEBSITE

We utilize the Village website to promote Railroad Safety. This could be found at <http://http://wsprings.com/faq.aspx?qid=110>. This reminds residents to be safe around train tracks and stresses that there are large fines that can be incurred if you are caught violating the signals indicating the approach of trains.

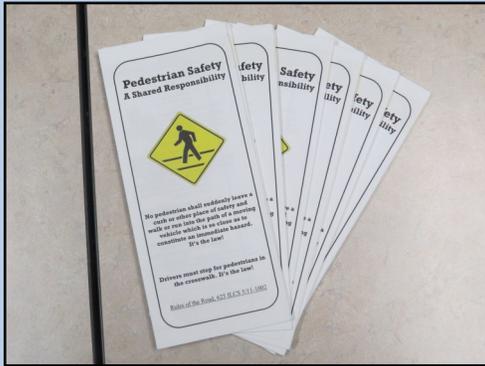


What is the fine for disobeying a railroad crossing signal?
With 160 to 200 trains passing through the Village each day, railroad safety is a serious concern in Western Springs. Illinois State Law imposes a mandatory \$500 fine, or 50 hours of community service, for drivers and pedestrians failing to obey railroad crossing signals—walking or driving under or around lowered guard gates at railroad crossings. Western Springs, like many Chicago-area communities, has multiple, adjacent railroad tracks. A leading cause of railroad fatalities is pedestrians disregarding the lowered railroad gates once one train has passed, and crossing the tracks into the path of a second train.

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PROMOTING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE VILLAGE

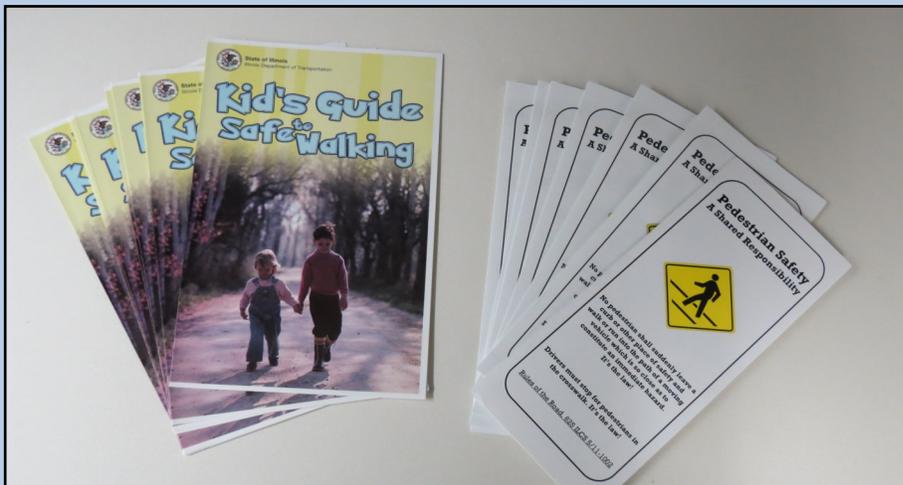
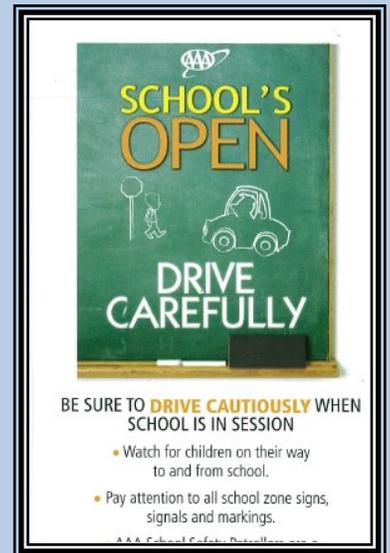
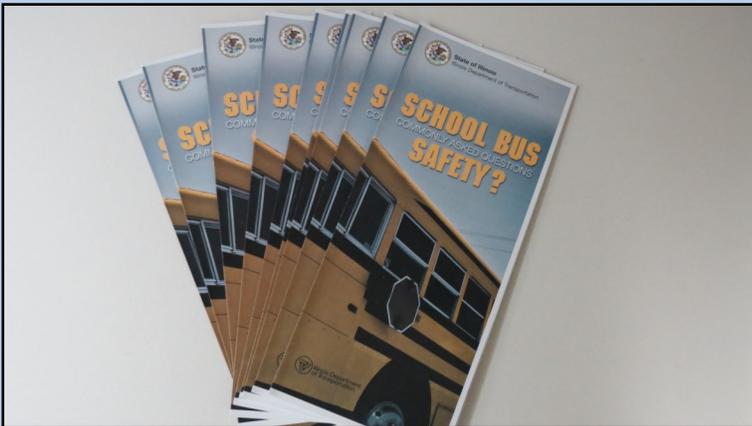
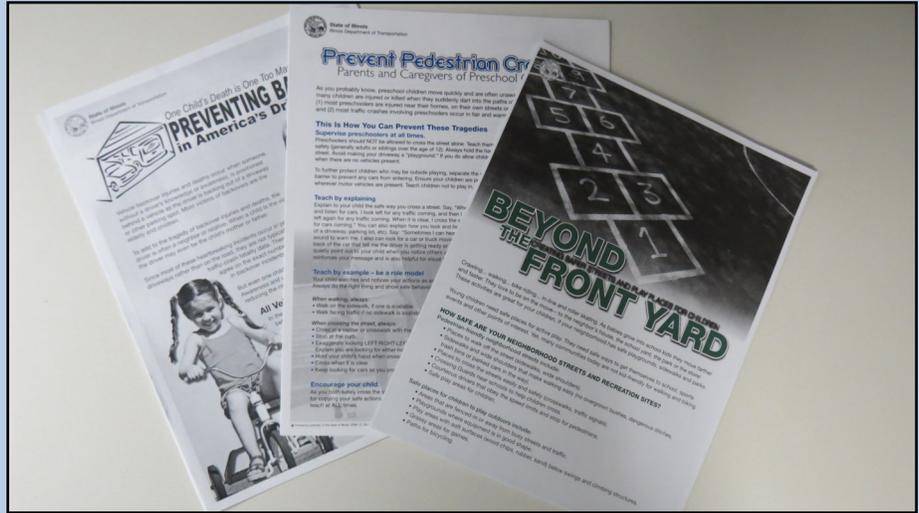
Pedestrian safety promoted with visible crosswalks, pedestrian signs, handouts, and school safety signs.



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CHILD SAFETY EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOLS

Photos (below): Different handouts below distributed to parents during the first week of school.



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STUDENT SAFETY PATROL - 4TH AND 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

The Western Springs Police Department is a strong supporter of the safety patrol program and understands the important role it plays in helping keep kids safe when they walk or bike to school. The Student Safety Patrol Program provides training for 4th and 5th grade students reminding them of the rules learned in the classroom and to guide them in safe crossing and bus passenger procedures. They were reminded to look for cars before stepping out into the street and remembering to keep their stop sign high, where it is visible. Our patrollers are called the “Police of their Schools,” and they help keep their school community safe.



CSO Strafacci teaches the new safety patrollers about crossing safety.



WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The Western Springs Police Department has 8 adult school crossing guards on staff. Adult school crossing guards play a very important role within the community; ensuring that children who walk or bike to school get across the street safely. They help children cross in 7 key locations throughout the Village near school zones. We increased our staffing and locations to better ensure the safety of the children.



2018 Leaf Removal Program

The Village's annual leaf removal program will begin the week of October 22. The schedule will be mailed in October to every residence in the Village and will be posted at www.wsprings.com. Residents may also use the leaf hotline, 708-246-1800, ext. 305, for schedule updates. Please refrain from raking the leaves to the curb before the removal process begins. If you need to dispose of leaves before October 22, then it will be necessary to bag them as yard waste. Mulch leaves—it benefits the environment and your lawn!

Water Meter Readers

The Village reads water meters on all residents' homes through a sensor on the outside of each home. A meter reader must access the sensor to record water usage every other month, which is very easy to do—however, when bushes or other foliage are blocking the sensor, this job becomes increasingly more difficult. The Village asks that residents please trim bushes and other plants so that they do not cover the device. Thanks to all for their cooperation!

Schools Have Started—Please Obey Crossing Guards

Please be observant of the crossing guards that assist children going to and from school. Slow down and obey all crossing guards. When entering a school zone, reduce speed to 20 mph. Motorists in particular must slow to 20 mph in school zones and stop for crossing guards as well as pedestrians of all ages crossing the street.

Fire Association Annual Breakfast

Date: Sunday, September 9
Time: 7 a.m.–1 p.m.
Cost: \$4
Location: 4353 Wolf Road

Recreation Department

Registration is now open for all fall 2018 programs and sessions begin on September 10. The 2018 fall brochure is available at the Recreation Center, Grand Avenue Center, Village Hall, or at www.wsprings.com/recreation. For questions about programs, policies, procedures, fees/waivers, or locations, please call 708-246-9070 or visit www.wsprings.com/recreation. Registration is available online or via mail-in or drop-off at the Recreation office.

The Department is currently accepting applications for basketball referees to officiate fifth and sixth grade league games. Applicants must be sophomores in high school or older. Games will take place on Saturdays beginning in December. Training will be provided.

Lil' Hoopers Basketball/Ballerz Basketball—These clinics are designed for 3–5 and 6–9 year-olds and will take place Saturdays mornings from October 13–November 17.

Boys & Girls Basketball Leagues—These leagues are designed for fifth and sixth grade players. Registrations are due on November 7. The Department is currently seeking players and volunteer coaches. There will be a coach meeting on November 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Open Basketball—This program takes place on Wednesday nights beginning September 12 at 8:30 p.m.

Men's Open Basketball—This program takes place on Thursday nights beginning October 4 at 8:15 p.m.

Fly Fishing Casting & Strategy—This class will take place on Sunday, September 9–23, at 1 p.m.

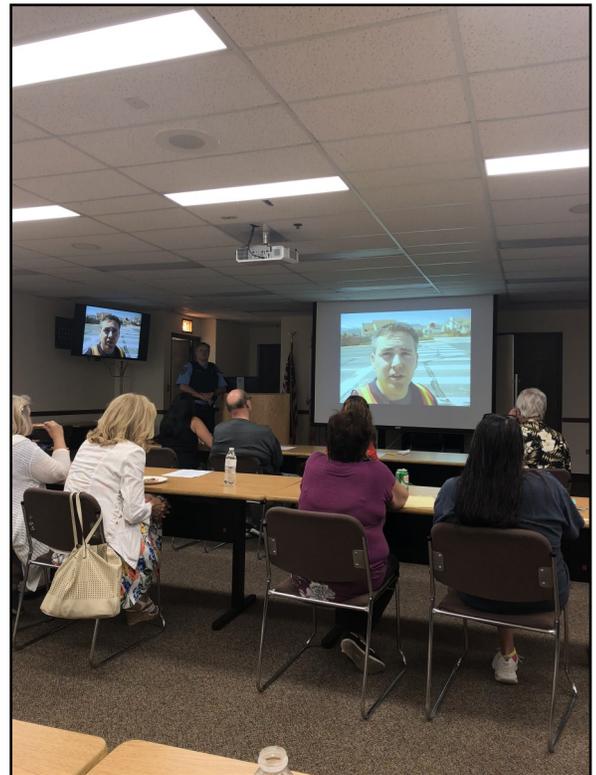
Ping Pong Tournament—This event will take place outdoors on the Tower Green on Sunday, September 9 at 11 a.m. Registration for singles and/or doubles is available.

Yoga on the Green—This event will take place outdoors on the Tower Green on Thursday, September 20. Various yoga instructors will host classes, perform demonstrations, and distribute materials on the benefits of yoga.

Spelling Bee—This event will take place on Thursday, October 11 at 7 p.m. Proceeds will be donated as to Honeybee Research and Protection. Spelling bee participants and supporters needed!

Halloween Hoopla / Halloween Bash—This event will take place on Saturday, October 27.

Lacrosse—Fall and winter travel and house programs for boys and girls grades K–8 will begin soon. House programs are designed for boys and girls of all experience levels. Travel programs are designed for experienced players and will include weekly practices and games. Volunteer coaches are needed and coaches' training is provided. For more information, visit www.westernspringslacrosse.org.



BICYCLE PATROL

During the summer months, our bicycle unit is visible throughout the Village. The officers do patrol, but also take the opportunity to stop and talk to kids about bicycle safety. Information about our bicycle patrol unit can be found on our website at <http://www.wsprings.com/index.aspx?nid=174>.



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Bicycle Patrol

Responsibilities & Activities

During the summer months, trained Police Department officers of the Bike Unit patrol the village parks, streets, and business district. Two electric bikes are part of the patrol and allow officers to also ride the bikes at night.

While on patrol, the police officer is available to respond to and investigate accidents, enforce traffic laws and parking regulations, and prevent crime and criminal activities by being visible and available. Bike Patrol helps the officers get closer with the community and speak with the kids on bicycle safety. Throughout the season, the Bike Patrol participates in block parties, bike rodeos, and parades.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Information about our bicycle registration program can be found on our website at <http://http://wsprings.com/175/Bicycle-Registration-Safety>. There is a one-time fee of \$5.00. Many times we find lost or stolen bicycles and if they are registered through the police department, it is easy for us to return them to the owner. We also offer bicycle safety tips on our website as seen below.

The screenshot shows the website for the Village of Western Springs, Illinois. The page is titled "Bicycle Registration & Safety". At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Government, Departments, Business, Residents, Community, and How Do I...?. Below this is a search bar and social media icons. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column is a sidebar with links to various services like Auxiliary Police, Bicycle Patrol, and Firearm Safety Kit. The middle column contains the main text, including a breadcrumb trail, a title "Bicycle Registration & Safety", and sections for "Registration", "Bicycle Regulations", and "Safety Guidelines". The right column has "Quick Links" and "FAQs" sections.

VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS Illinois

What Are You Looking For?

Government Departments Business Residents Community How Do I...?

Home > Departments > Law Enforcement Services > Programs & Services > Bicycle Registration & Safety

Bicycle Registration & Safety

Registration

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- Many bike riders carry no identification when riding a bike. Police have found lost children and unconscious persons who have fallen from a bike and were able to identify them through a bike license.
- If a bike has a license, it will not be included with the bicycles that are sold at a Western Springs auction. Many bicycles are recovered by the police and then auctioned after six months when the owners are not located.
- Registered bikes have a serial number that can be put into a nationwide police computer.
- Registered bikes enable police personnel to contact the owner.

Bicycle Regulations

All bicyclists must adhere to all traffic regulations outlined for regular automobile / truck traffic. Failure to do so may result in the issuing of a regular traffic citation.

Safety Guidelines

The riding of a bicycle becomes a habit and from time to time, bicyclists lose sight of the dangers involved in such an innocent pastime. Each year, your Police Department is called to investigate accidents involving bicycles. In nearly all cases, an injury was sustained by the bicycle rider; in some cases the injuries were very severe.

With this in mind, the department offers the following safety guidelines:

- Do not carry passengers on a bicycle unless it has been designed for that purpose.
- Make sure your field of vision is clear. Do not ride with packages or other personal belongings blocking your view.
- Use hand signals when you are about to make a turn. Other drivers appreciate this little effort.
- If you are carefully riding on a sidewalk, keep in mind that pedestrians have the right of way at all times. It should be emphasized that the riding of bicycles in our Business District is prohibited.
- When parking your bicycle on the sidewalk, especially in the Business District, do so in such a manner as not to block passage of pedestrians who may be shopping.
- Bicycles must obey traffic signals. Many times, bicyclists are seen crossing an intersection against a red light. This also holds true for stop signs. Obey them - they are there for your safety as well as others.
- Lock your bicycle when not in use or when it is parked.
- Wear a bicycle helmet. This is perhaps the single most important safety item that can be used.
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Quick Links

- [CodeRED Emergency Notification](#)
- [Illinois Sex Offender Information](#)
- [Firearm Concealed Carry Act](#)

FAQs

- [What happens to my lost pet?](#)
- [What is the fine for disobeying a railroad crossing signal?](#)
- [Will the Police Department check my home when I am away?](#)

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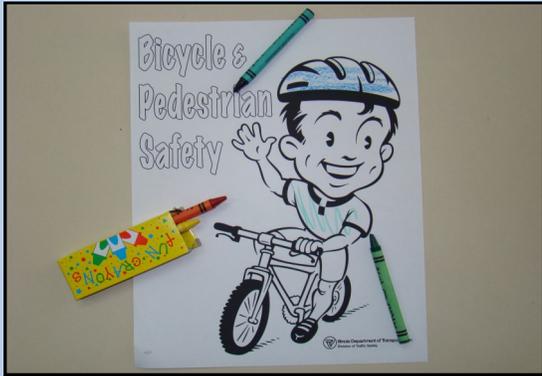
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IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

All informational and educational materials are available at the police department, passed out at the school, and during special events. Below are some materials offered.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Coloring Sheet and Crayons



Hand Signals Handouts



“Police Officers Are Our Friends” Coloring Books



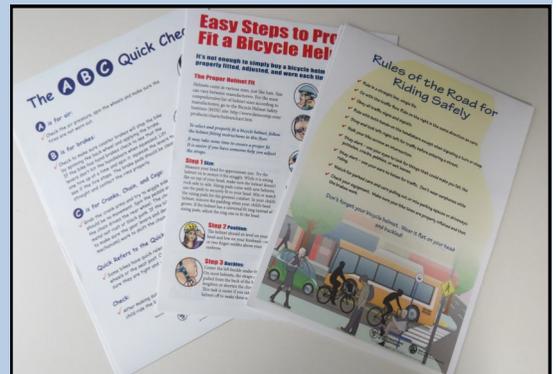
Bicycle Safety Pamphlets



Safe Bicycling in Illinois Books



Safety Tip Pamphlets



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BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLETS AND STICKERS

stopped waiting to turn. Signals need not be given continuously if the hand is needed in the control of operation of the bicycle. [5/11-1511]

Use of Sidewalks – Local ordinance may prohibit bicyclists from using sidewalks. Where permitted, bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and give audible signals before passing pedestrians. Bicyclists using sidewalks have all the rights and duties of pedestrians. [5/11-1512]

Lights and Other Equipment on Bicycles – For night riding, a front lamp with a white light visible from at least 500 feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear visible from 100 feet to 600 feet are required. A rear light visible from 500 feet may be used in addition to the red reflector. Equipment required on new bicycles sold includes pedal reflectors, side reflectors and an essentially colorless front facing reflector. [5/11-1507]

Two or More on a Bike – Bicycles shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except that an adult rider may carry child securely attached to his person in a back pack or sling. [5/11-1503]

Parental Responsibility – The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provision of this Code. [5/11-1501]

Cars passing bikes – The operator of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle shall leave a safe distance, but not less than 3 feet, when passing the bicycle and shall maintain that distance until safely past the overtaken bicycle. [5/11-1504(d)]

September 2007

To promote safety on the road, the League of Illinois Bicyclists presents excerpts from the **Illinois Vehicle Code**.

LIB urges motorists to pay attention, be alert for bikes and share the road (see bikeilb.org/video). We urge bicyclists to be predictable and observe traffic laws – your actions affect public opinion.

We encourage bicyclists to wear a helmet for protection against head injuries.



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Illinois Bicycle Laws
[Bracketed numbers are Vehicle Code 625 ILCS]

Bicyclist's Status – Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists riding on a highway are granted all of the rights and are subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, with certain exceptions. [5/11-1502]

Lane Positioning – When riding on roadways and bicycle paths at less than normal traffic speed, ride as close as practicable and safe to the right-hand curb or edge of roadway except:

1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction; or
2. When preparing for a left turn; or
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, motorized pedal cycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. A "substandard width lane" means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

4. When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.

5. When riding on a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes. Here, bicyclists may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable. [5/11-1505]

Left Turns – Bicyclists may choose between a vehicular-style left turn or a pedestrian-style left turn [5/11-1510]

For vehicular-style left turns, proceed as if driving a vehicle, moving to the left lane or the left side of a single lane prior to the intersection [5/11-807]. For pedestrian-style left turns, riding near the right side of the roadway, cross the intersecting roadway, stop (as much as practicable out of the way of traffic), yield to any traffic and proceed in the new direction, while obeying any official traffic control device or police officer. [5/11-1510]

Riding Two abreast – Riding two abreast is permitted as long as the normal and reasonable movement of traffic is not impeded. Riding more than two abreast is prohibited except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. [5/11-1505.1]

Hand Signals – Signals shall be given from the left side as follows: Left turn – hand and arm extended horizontally. Right turn – hand and arm extended upward, except bicyclists may extend the right hand and arm horizontally and to the right side of the bicycle. Stop or decrease of speed – hand and arm extended downward. [5/11-806] Signal not less than the last 100 feet before the turn, and while the bicycle is



Your safety and the safety of others are important to us.

This information has been provided by your local law enforcement agency and the League of Illinois Bicyclists to make you aware of traffic laws.

When bicyclists and motorists do not obey traffic laws, they put themselves and others in danger.



When motorists and bicyclists share the road and obey traffic laws, everyone gets where they're going safely.

Go to www.bikeilb.org under "Safety Education" for a video on sharing the road with cyclists. Illinois bike laws card and other bicycle safety information.

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SAFE ROADS FOR BICYCLING



TRAFFIC VIOLATION WARNING

Bicyclists fare best when they act and are treated like motorists. That means bicyclists must obey all traffic laws. Your actions affect the public's opinion about all bicyclists.

BICYCLIST VIOLATIONS

- Failure to observe red light or stop sign.
- Riding on the wrong side of the road. Bicyclists should ride with traffic, not against it.
- Blocking traffic on a busy road. Ride single file, unless riding two abreast does not impede normal and reasonable traffic flow.
- Failure to signal. Bicyclists should use hand signals to let motorists know what they plan to do.
- No headlight and rear reflector for night riding.
- Trick riding, swerving on the road, hitching rides on a moving vehicle.
- Wearing earphones while bicycling.

MOTORIST VIOLATIONS

- Failure to pass a bicyclist safely. Bicyclists need at least three feet of space to be safe, more if the vehicle is traveling fast.
- Passing a bicyclist, then turning right into the path of the bicyclist.
- Failure to yield when making a left turn in front of a bicyclist.
- Opening door into bicyclist's path.
- Failure to scan for bicyclists at crosswalks, failure to stop at the line.
- Parking in bike lanes.
- Speeding. Higher the speed, the greater the chance of serious injury or death for bicyclists.

For more information contact:

VIOLATION INFORMATION

Date: _____ Visitor's date of birth: _____

Visitor's Name: _____

Visitor's Address: _____

Parent's Name (for riders under 18): _____

Parent's Address (if different than above): _____

Visitor's Phone: _____

Visitor: _____

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CHILD'S Name: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

Parent: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (other than parent): _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____ PHONE: _____

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- Watch for parked cars entering traffic, and be on the alert for sudden car door openings.
- Never hitch a ride on a moving vehicle.
- Avoid skids – slow down on rough or slippery roads and downgrade hills. Watch out for drain grates, pot holes, loose sand or gravel.
- In all traffic situations, remember caution is the byword. Drive defensively. Look and listen for approaching traffic sounds from all directions.

A well-maintained bike, like defensive driving, also helps prevent accidents. To keep your bike in safe mechanical condition, follow the maintenance suggestions illustrated inside.

Your bike deserves good care. Store it under cover. Always park your bike upright. Use the kickstand or a bike rack. And to prevent theft, keep your bike securely locked when unattended. Also, be sure to register your bike with local police as an added security measure.

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Bicycling is fun... and it's great exercise. But, it can also be dangerous

Good riding habits help prevent accidents. Learn and practice these safe riding tips:

- Obey all traffic signs and signals. Know and observe your local bike regulations.
- Ride with traffic. Keep to the right, as close to the curb as possible, and drive in a straight line. When riding with friends, proceed single file.
- Never carry a passenger. Use a basket or carrier for packages.
- Always yield the right of way to cars and pedestrians. Be alert for persons stepping out from between parked cars. Warn "you are there" with your bell or horn.
- Know and use hand signals.
- Walk your bike when crossing busy streets or intersections.



CHECK YOUR BIKE FOR SAFE OPERATION

SEAT
Adjust frequently for comfort and growth. Tighten seat and seat post nuts securely, leaving at least 2 1/2 inches of free seat post and seat down in the frame.

BELL OR HORN
Be sure it works properly, loud and clear.

HANDLEBARS
Handlebars should be adjusted to quantity for comfort and control. Check at least 2 1/2 inches of handlebar stem in the frame. Then tighten if necessary. Handlebar grips should fit snugly, and wear ones replaced.

TIRES
Should be inspected frequently for wear and flats. Remove punctured tires, ratch, glass.

SPINDLES
Check your bicycle with rubberwood spacers for added safety in right riding. It is imperative that the shoulder of the spacers will be securely fastened to the frame.

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Chain should be checked frequently for damage and stress, and be replaced if necessary. It is imperative that the shoulder of the spacers will be securely fastened to the frame.

COASTER BRAKES AND HUB BRAKES
Periodically inspect brakes. Must brake evenly every time, no sagging. The coaster brake arms must be securely fastened to the frame.

FRONT AND REAR Fenders
Be sure they are undamaged and properly fastened.

SPINDLES
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FRONT LIGHTS

THE DOINGS NEWS ON SAFETY VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS

News article on the Western Springs Police Department holding our yearly Safety Village.

(Below)

Community Corner

Western Springs Holds Fall Safety Days

Kids can learn about fire safety and police safety at the Safety Village in Western Springs.

By Andrea Earnest, Patch Staff | Aug 17, 2018 7:06 pm ET | Updated Aug 17, 2018 7:09 pm ET

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WESTERN SPRINGS, IL — The Western Springs Recreation Department has announced safety days for 4-year-olds at Safety Village. Kids can meet on Wednesday, Sept 5 and Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to learn about fire safety and then police safety.

According to the department, kids can explore the Safety Village and have fun learning important safety skills. The Fire Safety Day will focus on fire prevention and protection skills. The children will also learn more about the fire department and the work firefighters do. The Police Safety day will focus on road, bike and walking safety skills that can be practiced right inside Safety Village. All children will have a chance to 'drive' around in the safety cars as well as be visited by some safety characters and robots.

It is \$28 for residents and \$35 for non-residents per class.



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Monday, June 18, 2018					
Day One-Train Safety Song					
House	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	
8:30-8:45 10:15-10:30	*Greet children with BIG SMILES! *Tell them your name several times! *Make a name tag for them, ask if they know name, address and telephone number (sticker if they do) *Explain that they will meet you everyday at your house *Tell them about all the fun books, movies, special guests, cars, etc. that they will get to see and do! *READ "SAFETY CITY" *READ "BIG BIRD FOLLOWS THE SIGNS" *Pass out T-shirts and buttons *READ "BARNEY SAYS PLAY SAFELY"				Stickers: Name, Address, Phone # Nametags Buckle Bear Sly Fox/Birdie LOOK BOTH WAYS Handouts: buttons t-shirts
8:45-9:00 10:30-10:45	CARS	TOUR VILLAGE/ DISCUSS ALL SIGNS	CARS	**Movie: "Sly Fox and Birdie" (9) ***Police discuss lessons from video	BB color BB cert.
9:00-9:15 10:45-11:00	**Movie: "Sly Fox and Birdie" (9) ***Police discuss lessons from video	CARS	TOUR VILLAGE/ DISCUSS ALL SIGNS	CARS	TRAIN COLOR WHEN CAN YOU GO RR Hat
9:15-9:20 11:00-11:05	ALL TO GYM WHEN BELL RINGS				
9:20-10:00 11:05-11:45	*Book: "I Read Signs" *Introduce Police Officer and Fire Fighter *Movie: "Going Riding with Bucklebear" (15 minutes) *Read: "Thingamajig" *Movie: "Seat Belt" Green Light (5:27)				
Visitor: Buckle Bear-Police and Fire Personnel					

Tuesday, June 19, 2018					
DAY TWO					
House	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	
8:30-8:35 10:15-10:20	*watch how they cross the street, ask name, address, and phone (sticker if they can) *READ "FIREHOUSE DOG" & "BLUE BUG"***				Stickers: Name/ Address Beltman
8:35-9:00 10:20-10:45	CARS	PEDESTRIANS and pics	*MOVIE:"Green Light Pedestrian" (5:06) *READ: "When I Cross the Belt" (2:15) *READ: "Safety Pop-Up" *MOVIE "Buckle Up Song" (2:36)	Blue Buckle Up Handouts: Beltman color Travel	
9:00-9:25 10:45-11:10	*MOVIE:"Green Light Pedestrian" (5:06) *READ: "When I Cross the Belt" (2:15) *READ: "Safety Pop-Up" *MOVIE "Buckle Up Song" (2:36)	CARS	PEDESTRIANS and pics	CARS	Police and Fire color
9:28-9:30/11:10-11:15 LISTEN FOR BELL- ALL TO GYM					
9:30-10:00 11:15-11:45	*READ: "What's Right For Me?" *MOVIE: "Getting Out of the Car- Green Light" (5:19) *READ: "Mr. Toad" *MOVIE: "The Adventures of Beltman" (10)				NEED TO TAKE PICS
Visitor: Beltman-discussion with Police personnel					

Wednesday, June 20, 2018					
DAY THREE					
House	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	
8:30-8:35 10:15-10:20	*READ "MR. YUK" (sticker) *Name, Address, and Phone				Stickers: Name, Address, Ph# Mr. Yuk Buster I Love School Bus Think Safety
Bell to Activities					
8:35-9:00 10:20-10:45	CARS/Purple Folders if raining	SCHOOL BUS Staging Area	*MOVIE: "First Aid For Little People" (20)		
9:00-9:25 10:45-11:10	SCHOOL BUS Staging Area	CARS/Purple Folders if Raining	CARS/Purple folders if raining	SCHOOL BUS Staging Area	*MOVIE: "First Aid For Little People" (20)
9:28-9:30/11:10-11:15 LISTEN FOR BELL - ALL TO GYM					
9:30-10:00 11:15-11:45	*READ: "Poisons Make You Sick" *MOVIE: "Poison Control Movie (6) *READ: "Riding on a Bus" *MOVIE: Green Light Bus (5:10) *READ: "Playing on a Playground"				NEED TO TAKE PICS: retakes and absent Staging Area SCHOOL BUS
Visitor: Buster School Bus Robot-discussion with Police personnel					

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Monday, June 25, 2018					
DAY FIVE	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	
8:30-8:35 10:15-10:20	*GO OVER SWIMMING/BUG FOLDER *READ "Street Safety Hints"				Stickers: Sun Safety I Did It safety house Dial 911 in Emergency PC H2O safety
8:35-9:00 10:20-10:45	911 SIMULATOR/ It's Time to Call 911	SMOKE HOUSE (4 FF) In Staging Area	*MOVIE: "OUNCE OF PREVENTION" (15) *READ: "Fire Safety" *Movie: "RAINBOW VALLEY: GET LOW AND GO" (7)		Handouts: This is 911 I can dial 911 smart summer how to stay safe life jacket learn to swim fire safety house
9:00-9:25 10:45-11:10	*MOVIE: "OUNCE OF PREVENTION" (15) *READ: "Fire Safety" *Movie: "RAINBOW VALLEY: GET LOW AND GO" (7)		911 SIMULATOR/ It's Time to Call 911	SMOKE HOUSE (4 FF) In Staging Area	Jr. Fire Ins. PC Color PC Certificate
9:25-9:30/11:10-11:15	LISTEN FOR BELL - ALL IN GYM				
9:30-10:00 11:15-11:45	*MOVIE: Cell Phone Sally 11:00 *READ: "I Can Be Safe" *MOVIE: "Sparky's ABC's of Fire Safety" *READ "Water Safety"				
Visitor: PC Robot discusses Strangers with Police and Fire Safety with Fire personnel					

Tuesday, June 26, 2018					
DAY SIX	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	
8:30-8:35 10:15-10:20	*READ BEAR'S BICYCLE *READ SAFE AT PLAY				Stickers: Never Take Anything From a Stranger ANDY Helmets Are cool scooter Police are friends
8:35-9:00 10:20-10:45	CARS/ STRANGER	POLICE CAR/BIKE	AMBULANCE *with Andy (option) In Staging Area		Handouts: Andy cert. Andy EMG keep head safe Bus/Ambulance Bicycle 10 nails Bicycle Safety Tips Ride Safety Rollerblade Things to remember Bicycle and Pad. Safety Graduation Invite
9:00-9:25 10:45-11:10	AMBULANCE *with Andy (option) In Staging Area		CARS/ STRANGER	POLICE CAR/BIKE	
9:25-9:30/11:10-11:15	LISTEN FOR BELL - ALL TO GYM				Bug Handouts
9:30-10:00 11:15-11:45	*ROLLER DEMO (helmet and pads) *STRANGER ARREST *MOVIE: "Billy Stranger" (5:36) *Book-Bicycles Are Fun *MOVIE "Bike Boogie" (2:00)				Stranger Volunteer and Bag of Candy
Visitor: ANDY					

Wednesday, June 27, 2018					
DAY SEVEN	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	
8:30-8:35 10:15-10:20	*READ CLIFFORD AT THE FIREHOUSE				Stickers: STRANGE DOG Home Safety MCGRUFF
8:35-9:00 10:20-10:45	CARS	PEDESTRIANS/ READ "STRANGER DANGER"	Dog Presentation Prevent the Bite	Help our friends with Food Allergies	
9:00-9:25 10:45-11:10	Dog Presentation Prevent the Bite	Help our friends with Food Allergies	CARS	PEDESTRIANS/ READ "STRANGER DANGER"	Handouts: AVOID A DOG BITE 3 L'S MCGRUFF McGruff Color Big Chief Beware Of Strangers
9:25-9:30/11:10-11:15	LISTEN FOR BELL - ALL TO GYM				
9:30-10:00 11:15-11:45	*READ: "NEVER TALK TO STRANGERS" *MOVIE: "Totally Awesome-Bike Safety" (8:12) *READ: "Home Safety" *MOVIE "Run, Run, Yell and Tell" (2:47) (Lil Iguana begin at 18:00 until end)				Dog Visit
VISITOR-MCGRUFF					

VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

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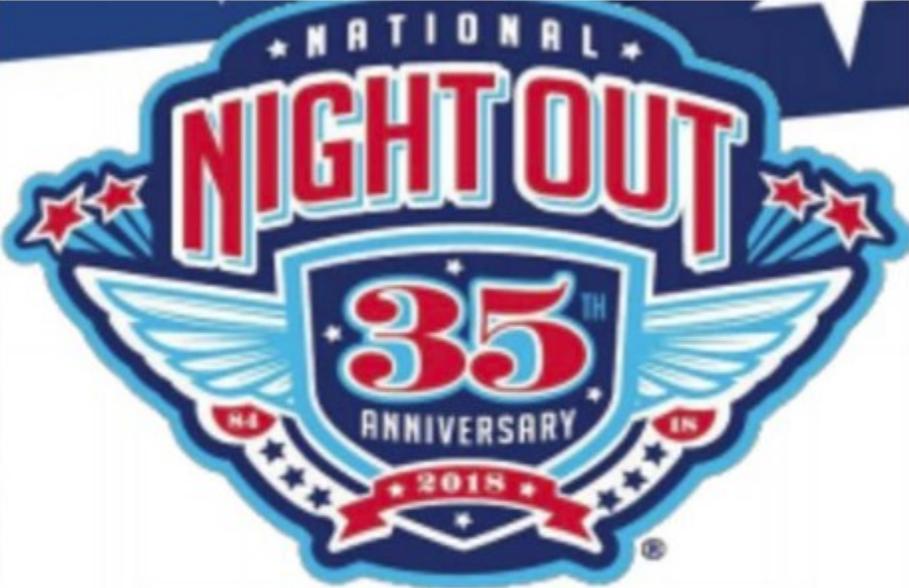
Police & Fire

Western Springs, La Grange Police Plan National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships.

By Andrea Earnest, Patch Staff | Jul 17, 2018 12:29 pm ET

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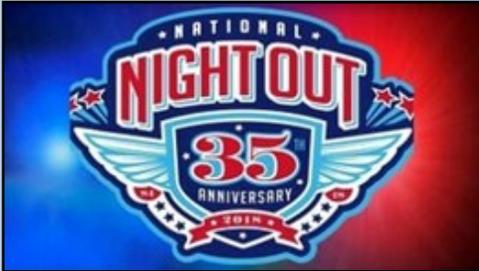
WESTERN SPRINGS, IL — The Western Springs and La Grange police departments will come together to host a National Night Out for the area on Tuesday, Aug. 7. The event will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the upper Spring Rock Park in Western Springs.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live, the departments said.

According to the departments, there will be a raffle, bubble soccer, touch a truck, police and fire demos, a fingerprint station, dunk tank, music and food vendors.

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Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Join the Western Springs and La Grange Police Departments for "National Night Out", an evening of family fun to promote police-community partnerships. Enjoy games, demonstrations, food vendors, a raffle and more!

Date: August 7, 2018

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Upper Spring Rock Park

Address: Western Springs, IL 60558

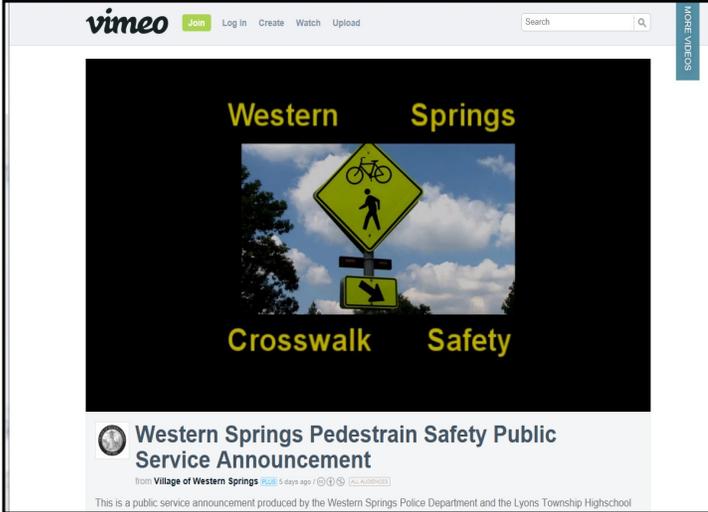


IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE “CROSSWALK SAFETY” VIDEO

Since 2014, the Western Springs Police Department has broadcasted a Crosswalk Safety Educational Video for Pedestrians and Bicycle Safety on our lobby TV and channel 6 throughout the day.

Below are some slides



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Crosswalk Safety

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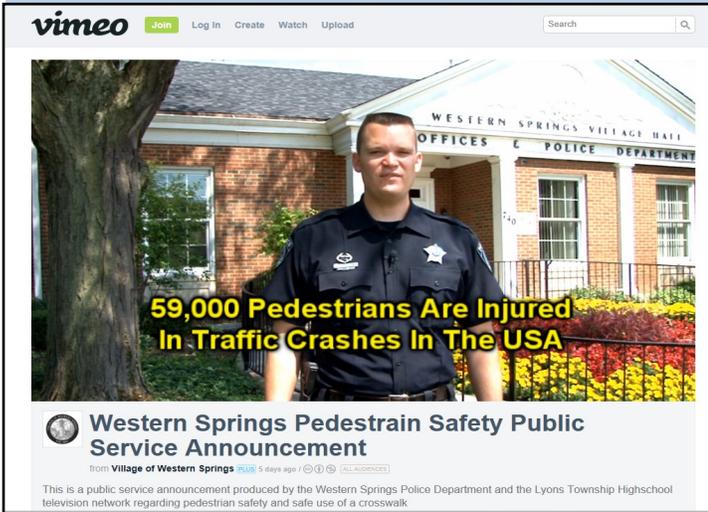
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Each Year Over 4,000 Pedestrians Are Killed

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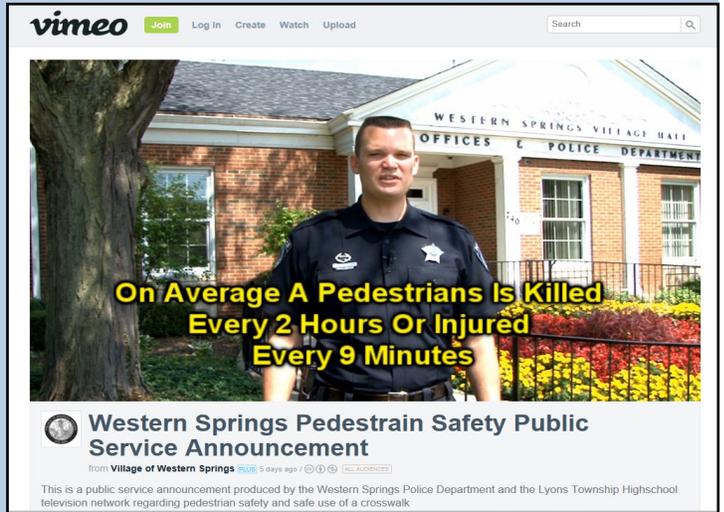


59,000 Pedestrians Are Injured In Traffic Crashes In The USA

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On Average A Pedestrian Is Killed Every 2 Hours Or Injured Every 9 Minutes

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Drivers Have An Equal Responsibility For Pedestrian Safety

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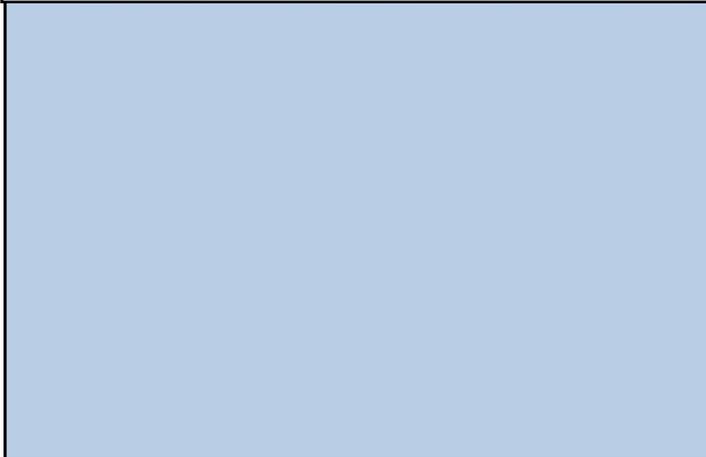
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Vehicles Have The Right Of Way When There Are No Crossing Lanes Marked

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Pedestrians And Drivers Have To Obey All Laws At A Green Light

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When Riding On Sidewalk You Must Obey All Pedestrian Signs & Signals

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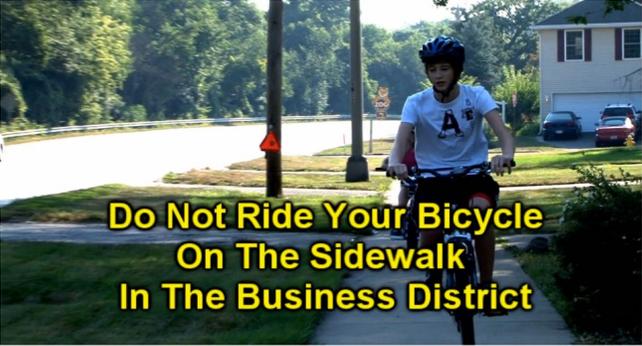
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Cyclists Must Operate Under The Same Laws As Any Other Vehicle While On Illinois Roads

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Do Not Ride Your Bicycle On The Sidewalk In The Business District

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Parents Should Make Sure Children Have Proper Safety Equipment & Know Pedestrian and Traffic Laws

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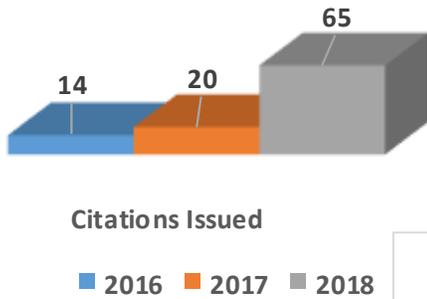
TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

In 2018, the Western Springs Police Department aggressively enforced occupant protection, speeding, and impaired driving violations. The following statistics reflect our efforts.

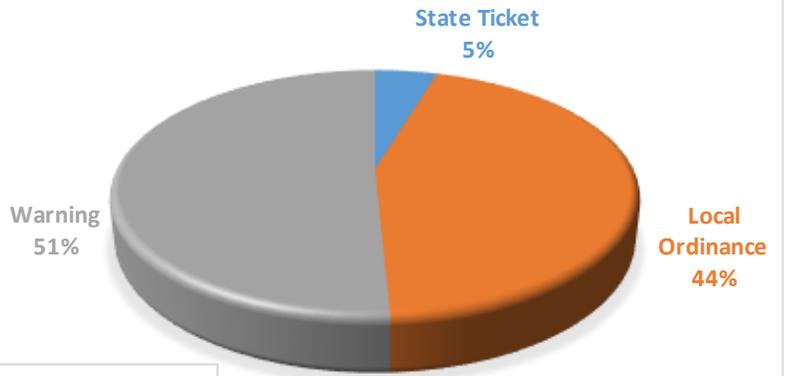
SAFETY BELT & CHILD SAFETY SEATS CITATIONS

In 2018, the men and women of the Western Springs Police Department issued 65 safety belt citations. Of the 65 citations issued, 33 were warning tickets, 29 were local ordinance citations, and 3 were state issued citations. Unfortunately, we did not write any child safety seat citations. We have already made this one of our 2019 major priorities.

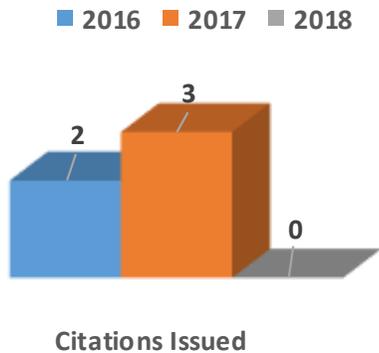
3 Year Comparison for Safety Belt Citations



2018 SAFETY BELT CITATIONS



3 Year Comparison for Child Safety Seat Citations

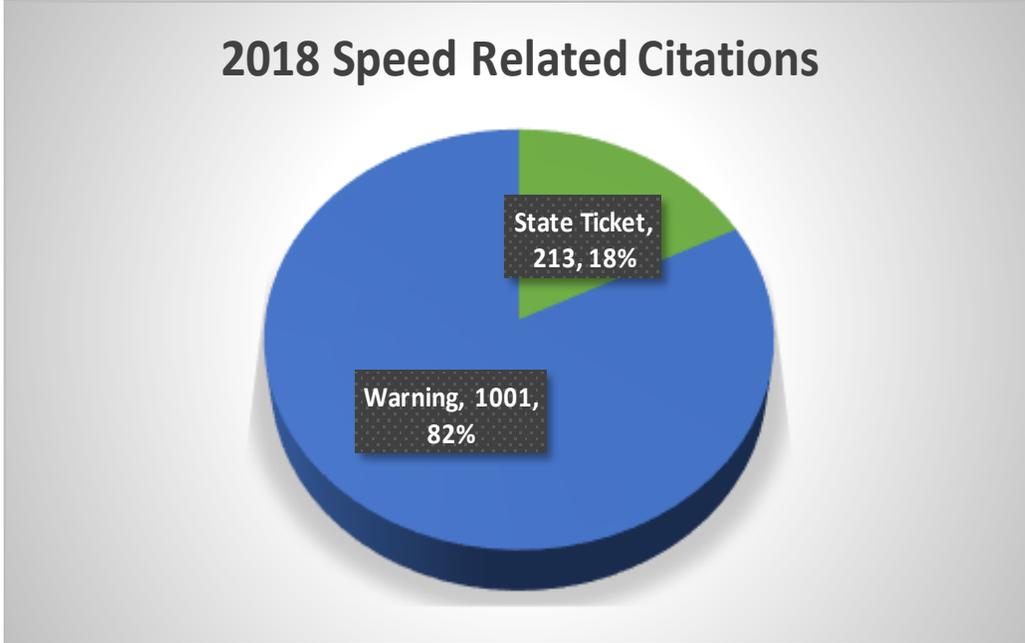


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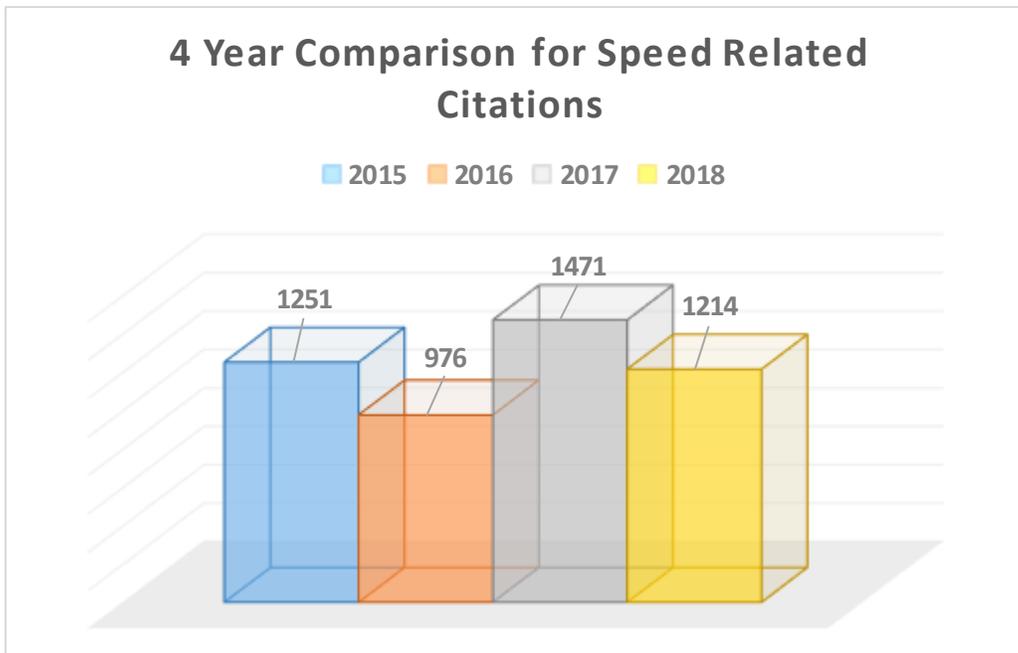
SPEED RELATED CITATIONS

In 2018, the men and women of the Western Springs Police Department issued 1214 speed related citations. Of the citations issued, 1001 were warning tickets and 213 were state issued citations. We participated in two speed details resulting in sixteen tickets being issued.

2018 SPEED RELATED CITATIONS



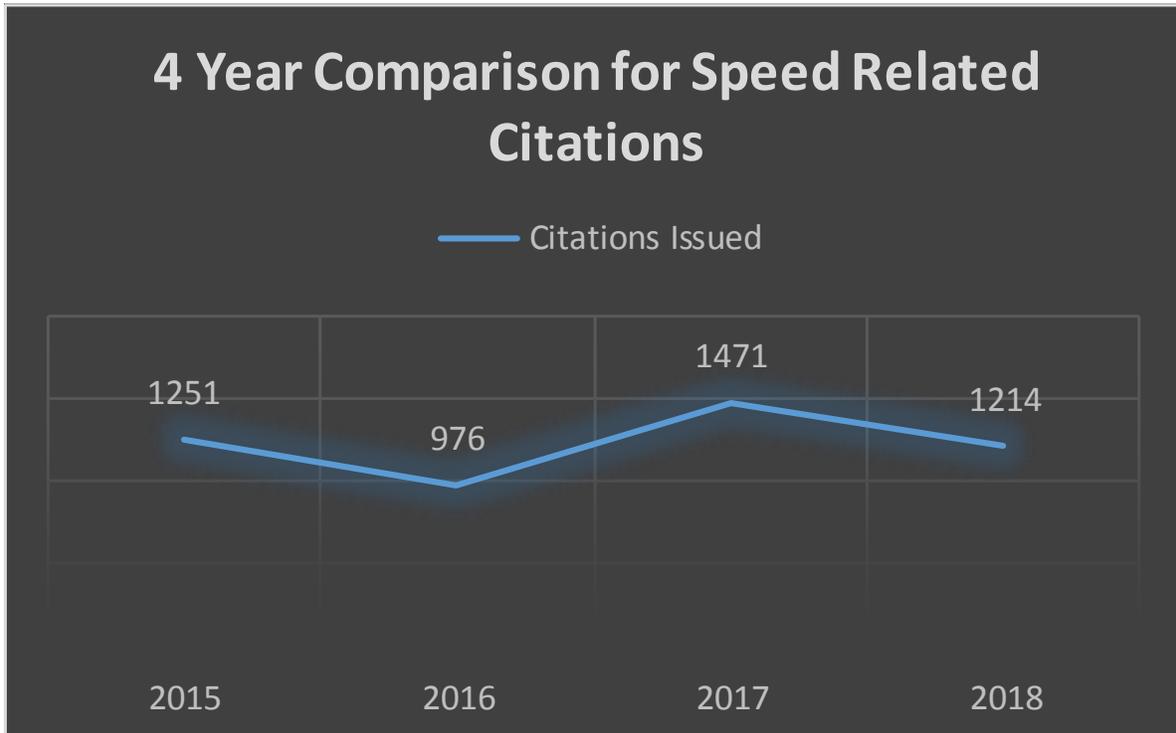
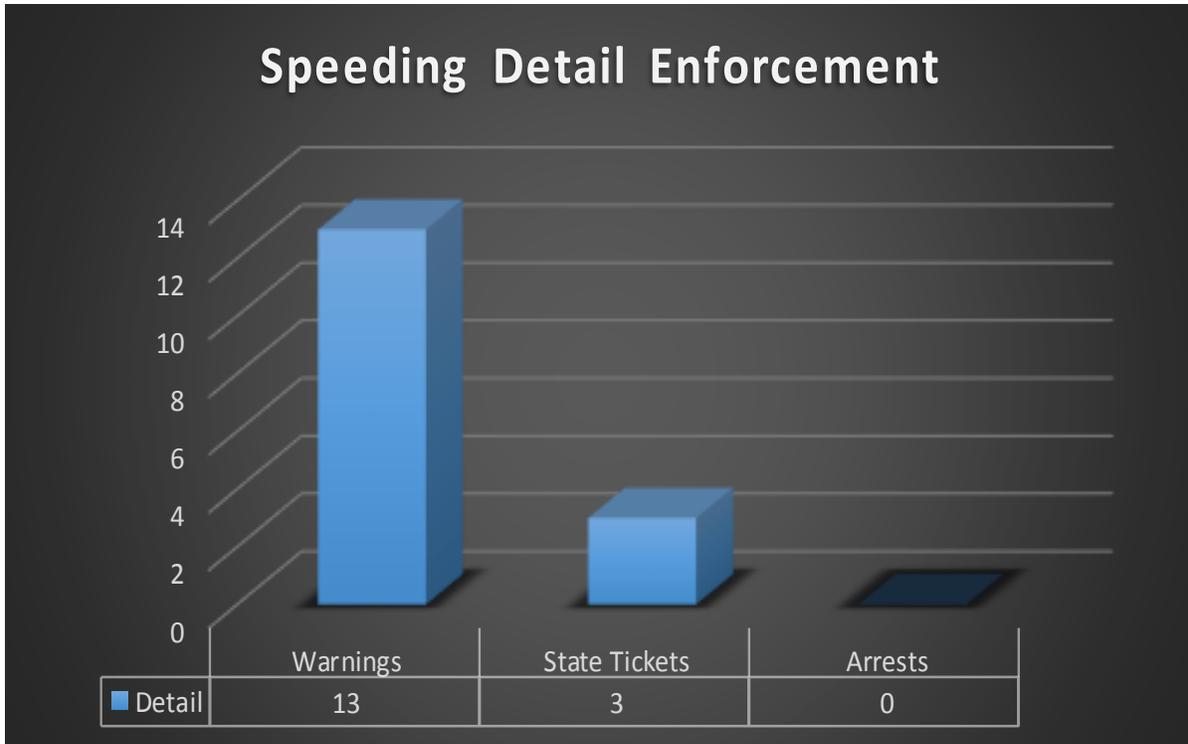
FOUR YEAR COMPARISON OF SPEED CITATIONS 2015 to 2018



V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT

The Western Springs Police Department conducted two aggressive speed enforcement campaigns. These initiatives were conducted on July 25, 2018 during the day time and again overnight on November 21, 2018. Officers working the detail wrote 16 citations, all for speeding offenses.

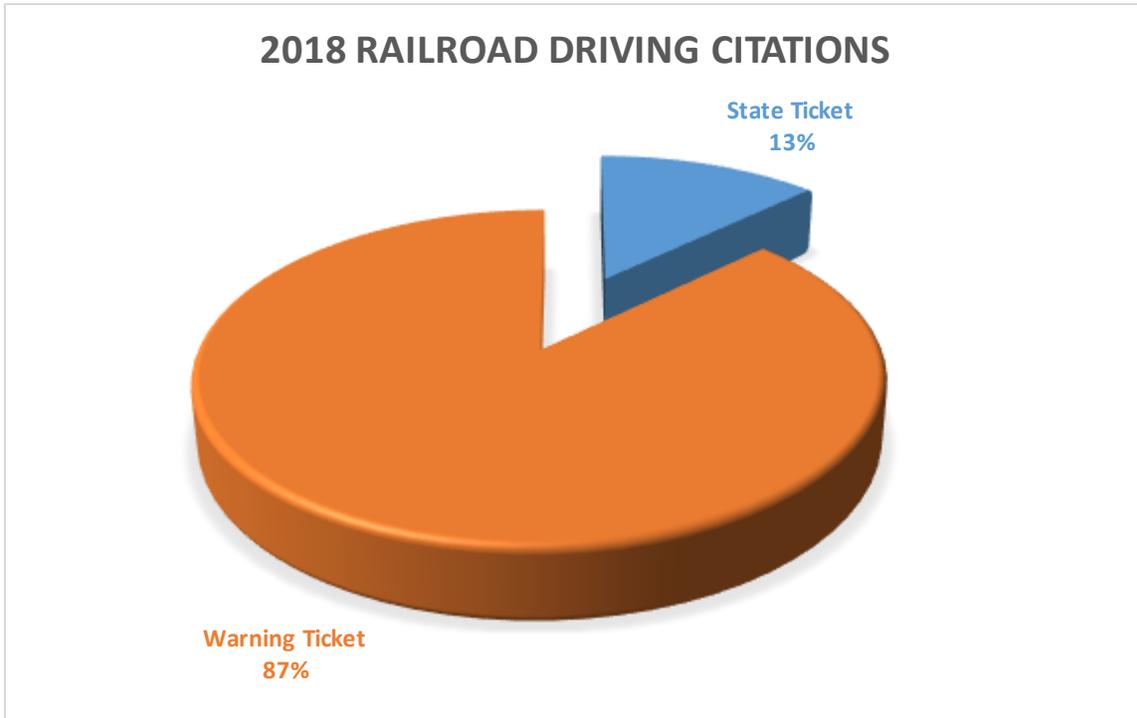


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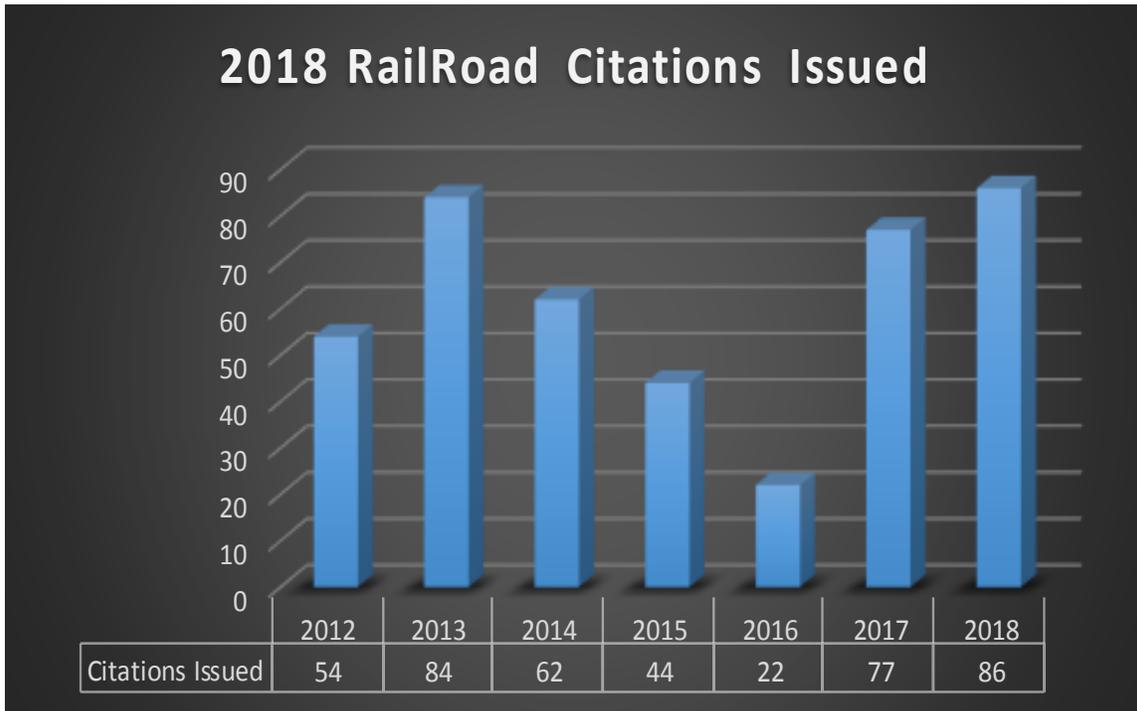
RAILROAD ENFORCEMENT RELATED CITATIONS

In 2018, the men and women of the Western Springs Police Department issued 86 Railroad related citations. Of the 86 citations issued, 75 were warning tickets and 11 were state tickets.

2018 RAILROAD DRIVING RELATED CITATIONS



SEVEN YEAR COMPARISON OF RAILROAD DRIVING CITATIONS 2012 TO 2018



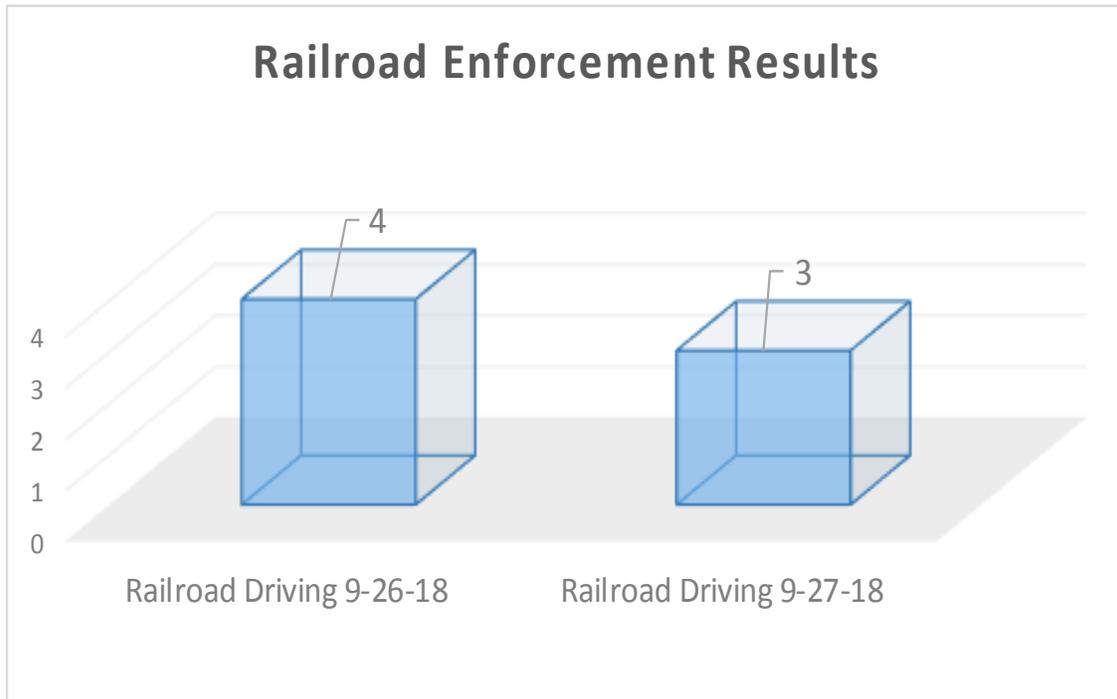
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RAILROAD ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

The Western Springs Police Department participated in a two day railroad safety campaign. These initiatives were conducted on September 26, 2018 and on September 27, 2018. The enforcement zone was conducted on the main railroad crossing due to a high volume of traffic and enhanced visibility.

The enforcement zone was set up on September 26, 2018 , from 7:00a.m. to 9:00a.m. The total tickets issued was 4. There were zero arrests made during the detail.

The second enforcement zone was set up on September 27, 2018, from 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. The total tickets issued was 3. There were zero arrests made during the detail.

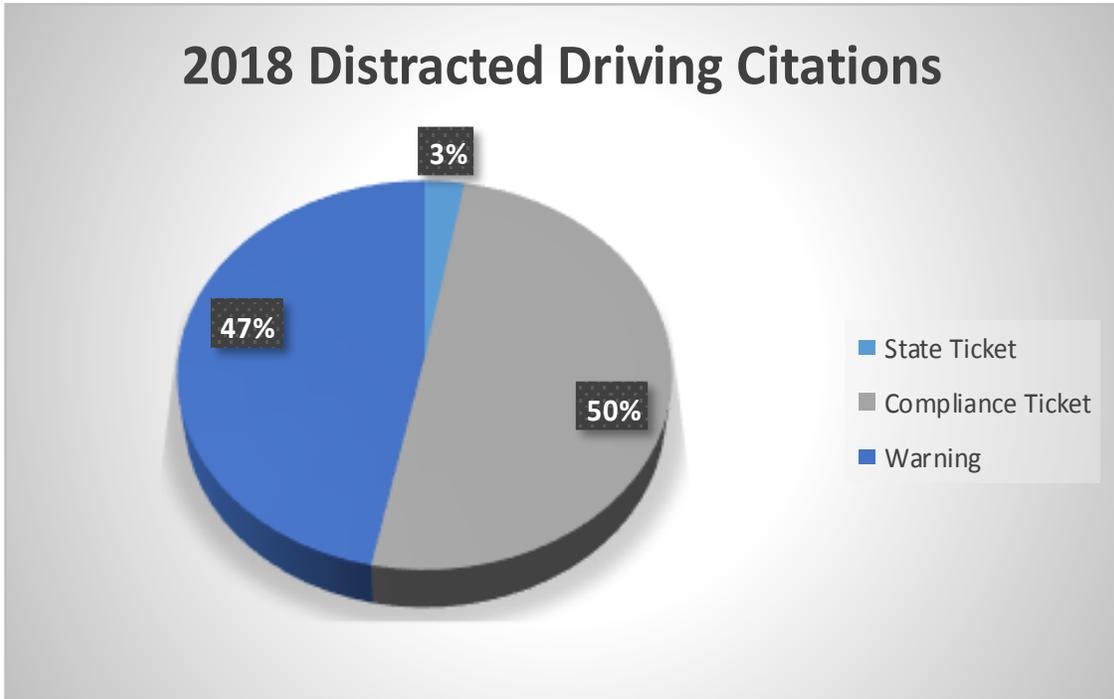


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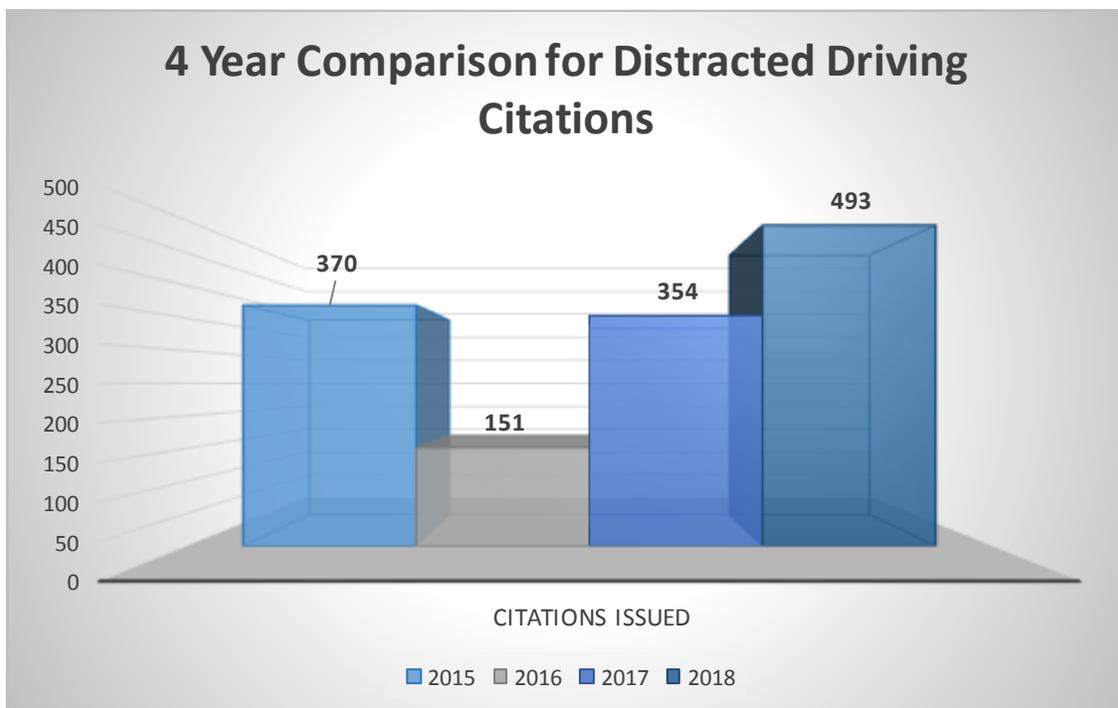
DISTRACTED DRIVING RELATED CITATIONS

In 2018, the men and women of the Western Springs Police Department issued 493 Distracted Driving related citations. Of the 493 citations issued, 248 were warning tickets, 14 were state tickets, and 231 were local ordinance citations.

2018 DISTRACTED DRIVING RELATED CITATIONS



FOUR YEAR COMPARISON OF DISTRACTED DRIVING CITATIONS 2015 TO 2018



V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT

The Western Springs Police Department conducted an aggressive traffic enforcement campaign during National Distracted Driving month in April. This initiative was conducted from April 23, 2018 - April 27, 2018. We operated two patrol details on April 25, 2018 and April 26, 2018. An officer working the detail wrote 10 citations all for distracted driving offenses. During the entire campaign period, the Department issued 87 tickets for various offenses and had 1 traffic related arrests.

DETAIL
WARNING TICKETS = 9
STATE CITATIONS = 1
ENTIRE CAMPAIGN
VILLAGE CITATION = 5
WARNINGS = 64
STATE TICKETS = 18
ARRESTS = 1

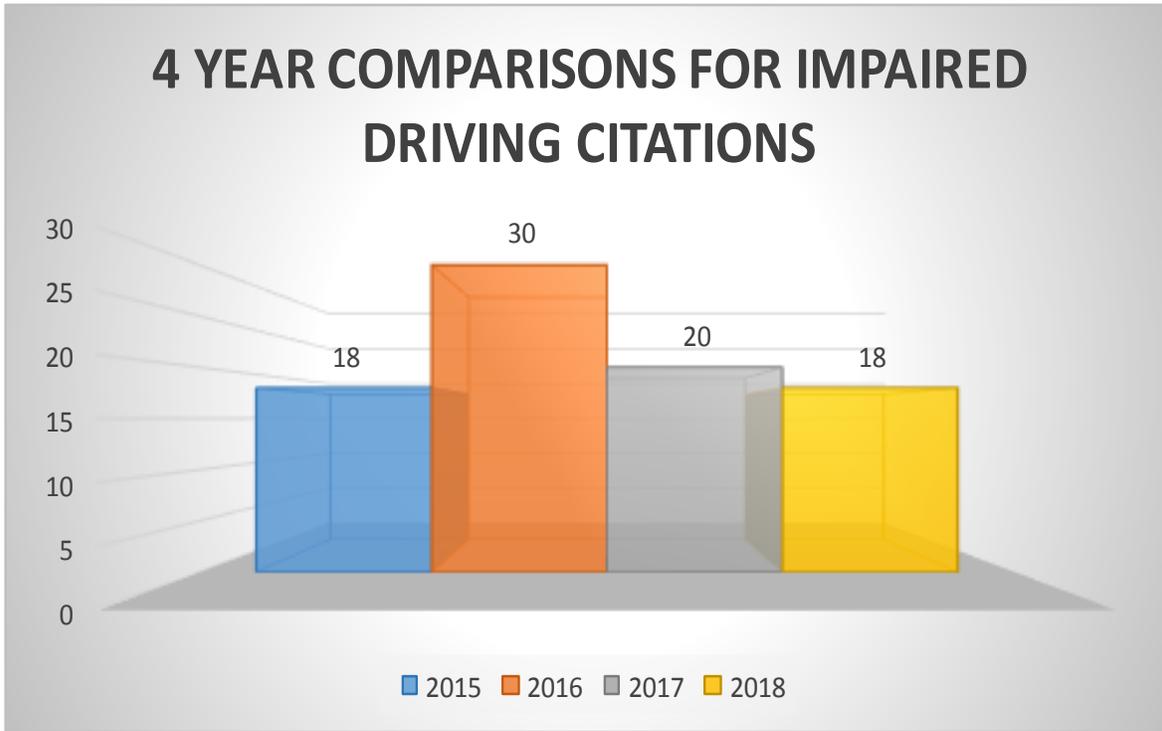


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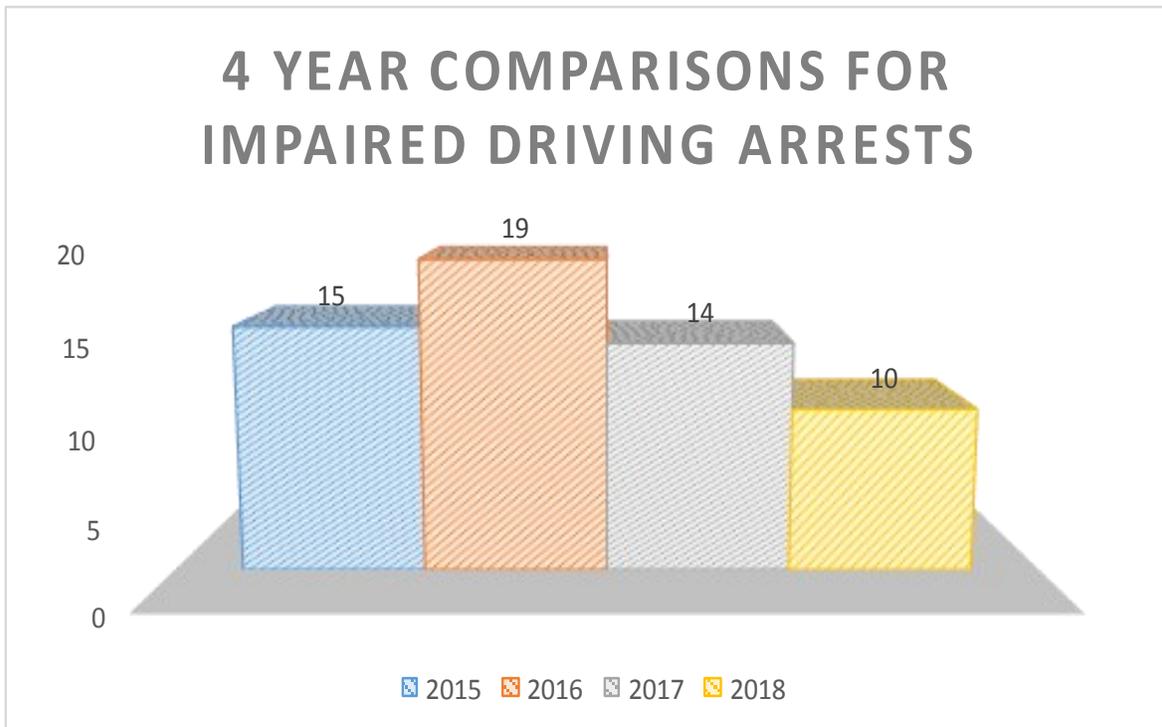
IMPAIRED DRIVING ARRESTS AND CITATIONS (INCLUDING “ZERO TOLERANCE”)

In 2018, the men and women of the Western Springs Police Department issued a total of 18 impaired driving related citations and made 10 arrests for impaired driving. All citations issued were state citations.

FOUR YEAR COMPARISON OF CITATIONS ISSUED FROM 2015 to 2018



FOUR YEAR COMPARISON OF ARRESTS FROM 2015 to 2018



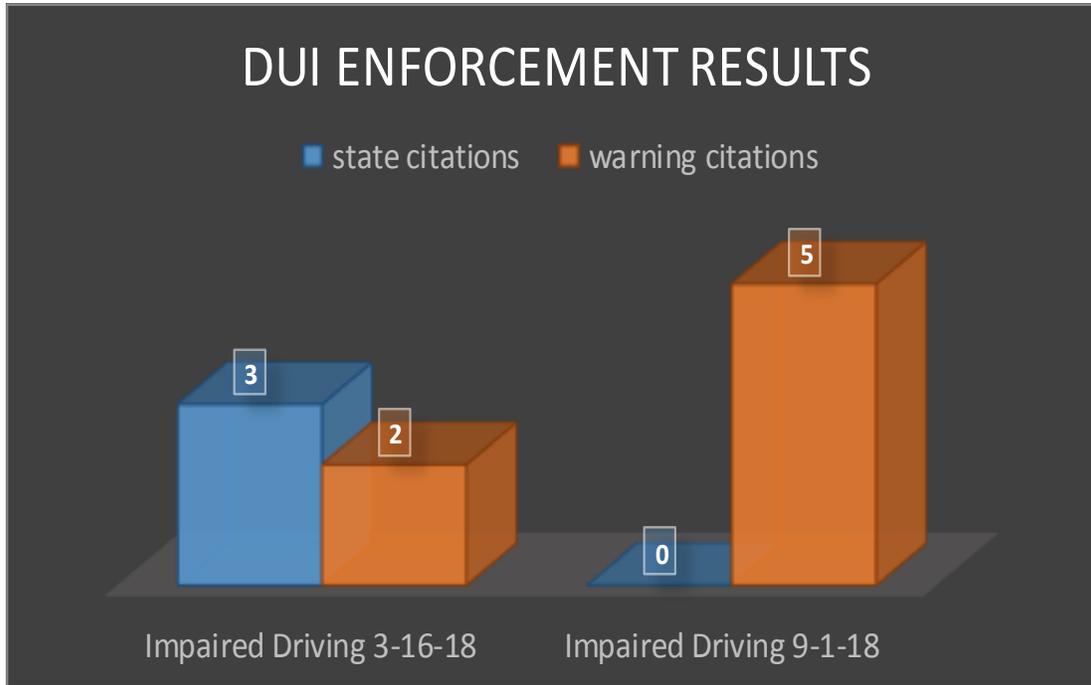
V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

The Western Springs Police Department participated in a two day Impaired Driving Details. These initiatives were conducted overnight on March 16 to 17, 2018 and on September 1 to 2, 2018. The enforcement zone was conducted on the main railroad crossing due to a high volume of traffic and enhanced visibility.

The enforcement zone was set up on March 16, 2018, from 11:00p.m. to 3:00a.m. The total tickets issued on was 5. There were zero arrests made during the detail.

The second enforcement zone was set up on September 1, 2018, from 11:00p.m. to 3:00a.m. The total tickets issued on was 5. There were zero arrests made during the detail.



V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CAMPAIGN

The Western Springs Police Department participated in the St. Patrick's Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign. This initiative was part of the IDOT St. Patrick's Day Mobilization from March 14, 2018 - March 18, 2018. We operated one DUI saturation patrol detail. Officers issued 5 citations during the DUI detail overnight from March 15 to March 16. Officers working during the entire campaign period wrote citations and took enforcement action on 20 different types of offenses. A total of 67 tickets were issued during the campaign and the three traffic accidents were single vehicle non injury accidents.

DETAIL

WARNINGS = 2

STATE TICKETS = 3

ENTIRE CAMPAIGN

VILLAGE CITATIONS = 5

WARNINGS = 43

STATE TICKETS = 15

VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CITATIONS = 4

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS = 3

JULY 4TH INITIATIVE

The Western Springs Police Department participated in the July 4th "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click it or Ticket" enforcement campaigns. This initiative was part of the IDOT July 4th Mobilization from June 25, 2018 - July 8th, 2018. A total of 166 tickets were issued, including 111 warnings, 14 village ordinance tickets, 25 state tickets, and 16 compliance tickets. Also, we had one DUI arrest and 2 arrests for driving while suspended and 1 non traffic related arrest. There were nine traffic accidents but none were injury related and two were single vehicle accidents.

ENTIRE CAMPAIGN

VILLAGE CITATIONS = 16

WARNINGS = 111

STATE TICKETS = 25

VILLAGE ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS = 14

ARRESTS = 4

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS = 9

V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

MEMORIAL DAY INITIATIVE

The Western Springs Police Department participated in the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) "Click It Or Ticket" Campaign from May 18 - May 29, 2018. The enforcement zones were conducted on roadways with a high volume of traffic and enhanced visibility.

During the entire Memorial Day mobilization period, the Western Springs Police issued these citations and/or arrests:

12 Distracted Driving citations

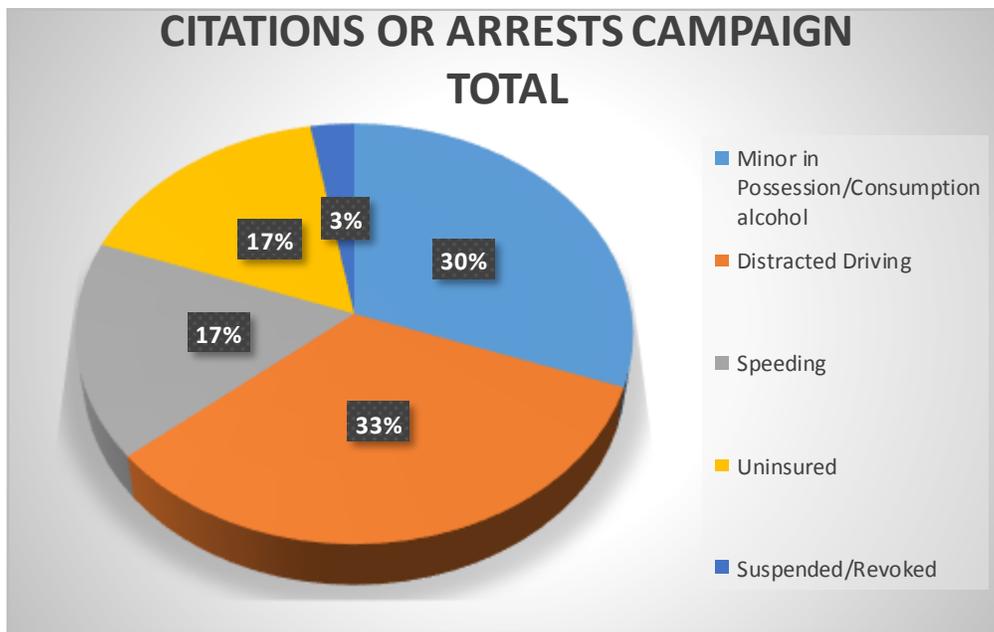
11 minor in possession/consumption of alcohol citations

6 speeding citations

6 uninsured vehicle citations

1 suspended/revoked licenses arrests

7 non-traffic related arrests



V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

LABOR DAY MOBILIZATION

The Western Springs Police Department participated in the Labor Day “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click it or Ticket” enforcement campaign. Officers conducted one DUI enforcement campaigns. The detail was on September 1 from 11:00p.m. to September 2 at 3:00a.m. A total of 5 tickets were issued with no arrests. The total ticket issued for the entire campaign period were 163, excluding warnings and 8 arrests for various offenses.

Highlights of the campaign include:

270 Total Tickets Issued

20 Electronic Violations

12 Drug Violations

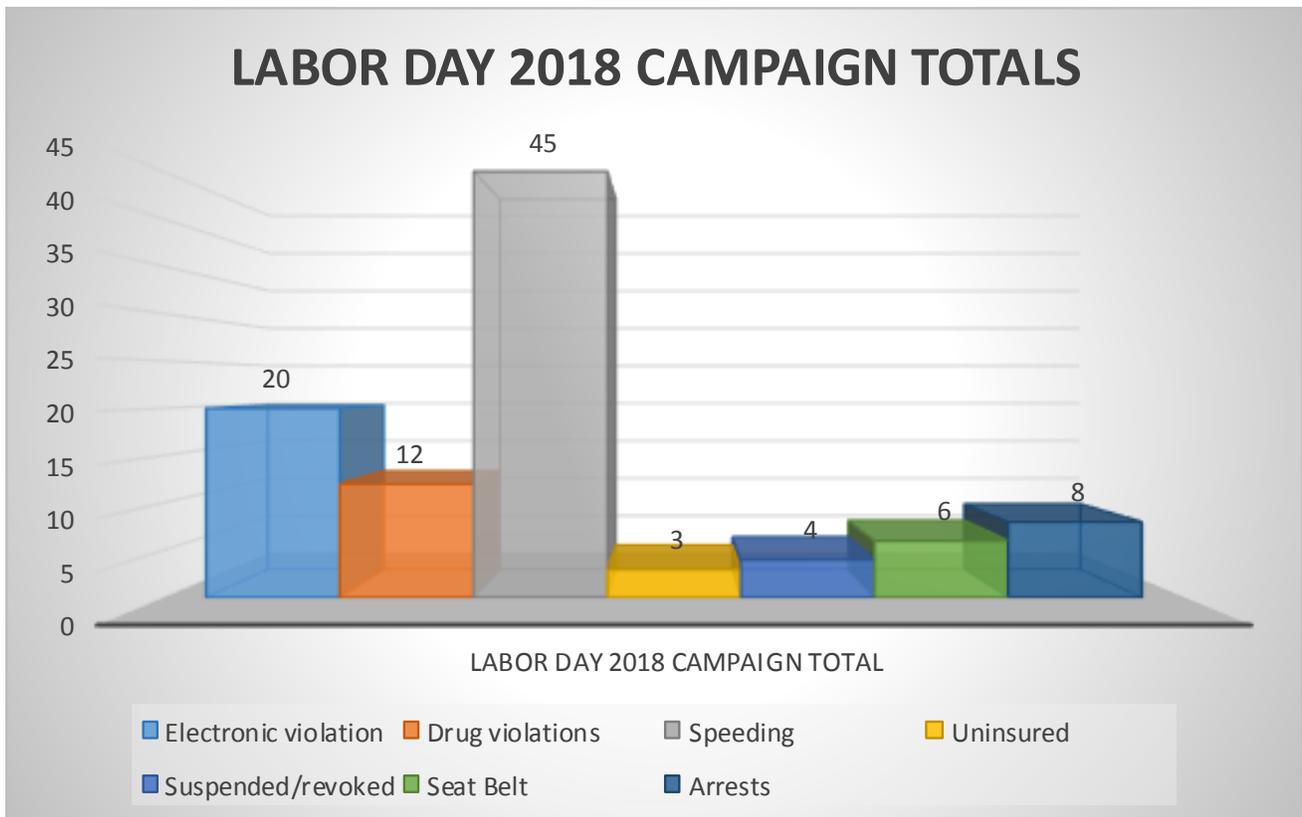
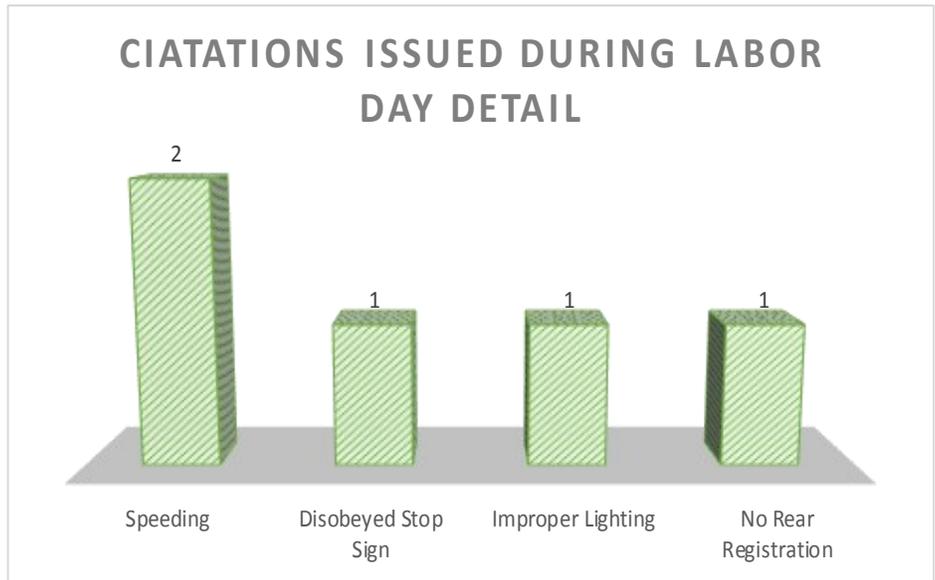
45 speeding citations

3 uninsured vehicle citations

4 suspended/revoked arrests

6 seat belt citation

8 Total Arrests



V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

THANKSGIVING INITIATIVE

During the Thanksgiving holiday, the Western Springs Police Department participated in the “Click it or Ticket” “Drive Sober” campaigns from November 19 - November 26, 2018. We did not conducted a specific detail, instead focusing on the entire campaign period.

Highlights of the campaign include:

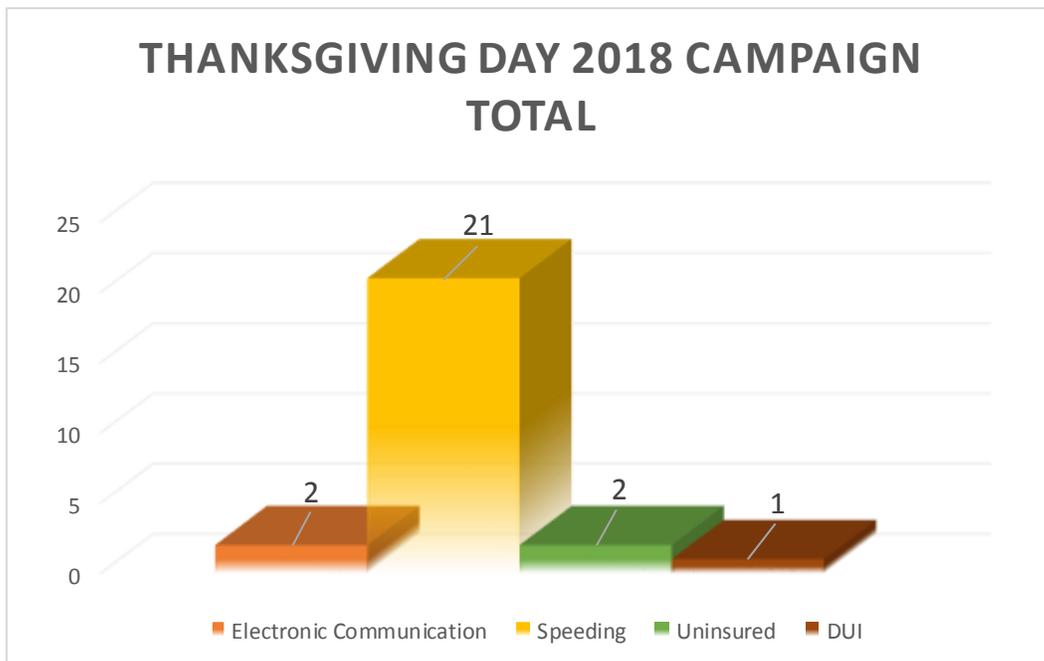
97 Total tickets issued

2 electronic communication citations

21 speeding citations

2 uninsured vehicle citations

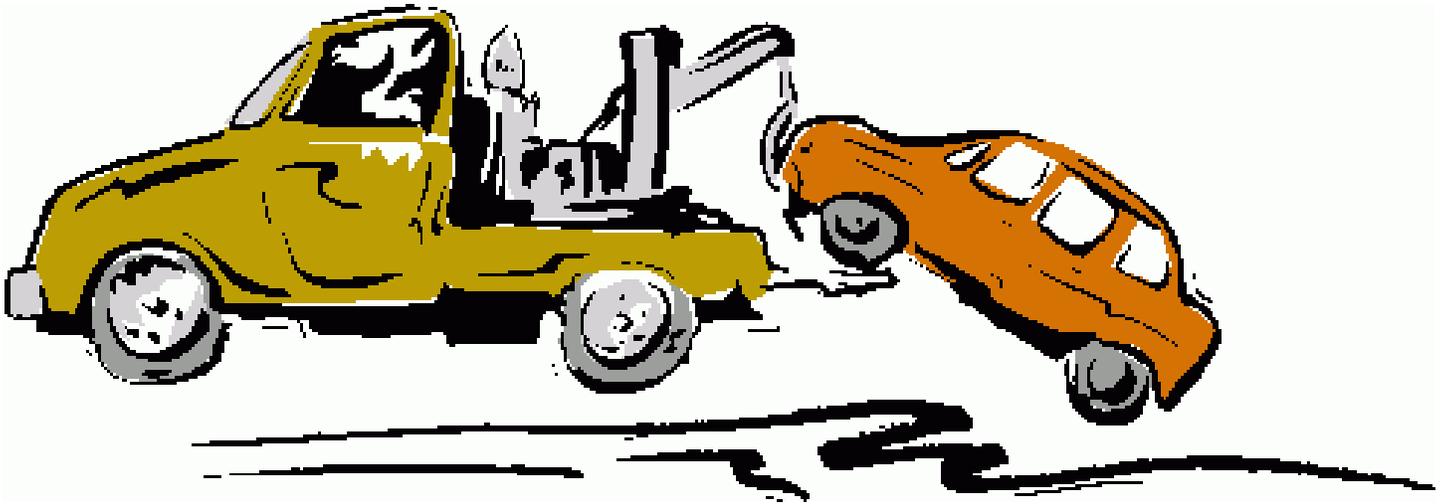
1 DUI arrest



V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

SEIZURE OF VEHICLES - ARTICLE 36

Many times, DUI offenders have driver's license that have been suspended or revoked as a result of previous DUI convictions. Even though it is against the law, they continue to drive without a valid driver's license, and more troublesome, they continue to drive while intoxicated. This poses a serious threat to the community. In Illinois, Article 36 allows Police Departments to seize the vehicles of these offenders, auction the vehicles, and use the proceeds to enhance impaired driving efforts. *In 2018, the Western Springs Police Department seized 1 vehicle under Article 36, which stemmed from driver being arrested for Armed Robbery.*



VI. EFFECTIVENESS

EFFECTIVENESS IN SAFETY BELT USE

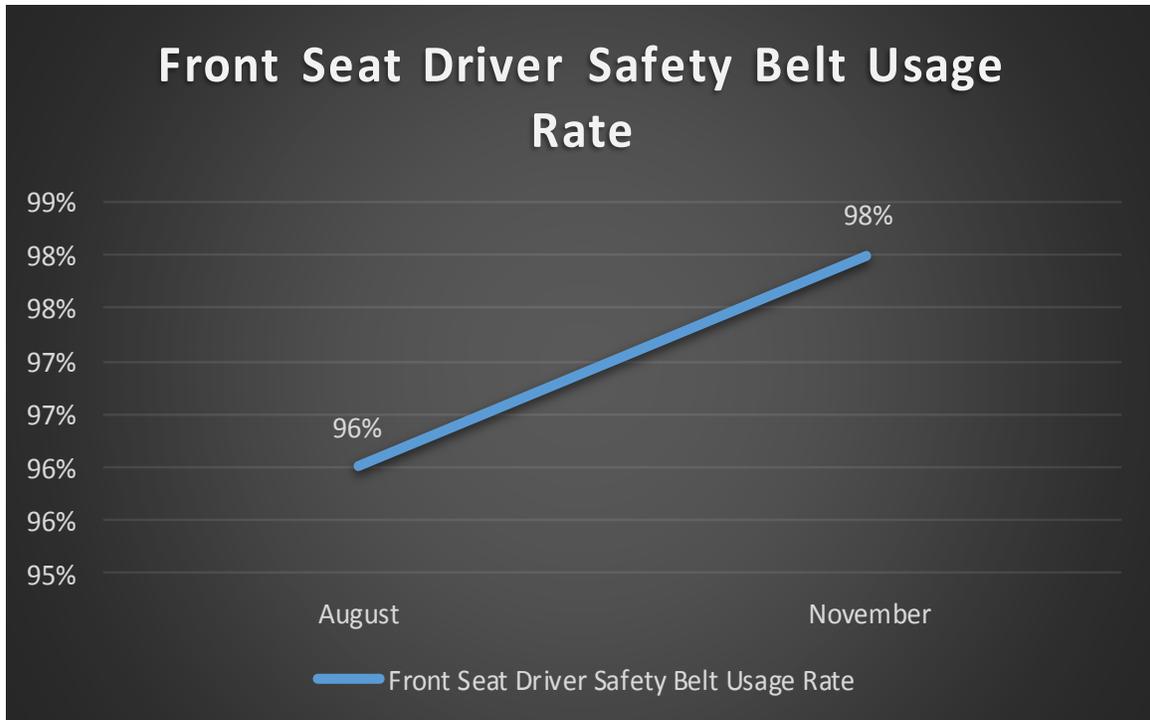
The Western Springs Police Department conducted two seat belt surveys throughout the year. The seat belt survey is a statistical (random) survey conducted at one location. The surveys were conducted around noon when the light was adequate for observation. The survey observations were restricted to front seat drivers and only the non-use of shoulder harnesses was observed. The survey site was westbound on 55th Street from Wolf Rd, which is also one of our top accident locations.

The first survey was conducted on August 18, 2018. There were 100 front seat drivers observed during this survey. Of those, 96% were observed wearing their seatbelts.

The second survey was conducted on November 30, 2018. There were 100 front seat drivers observed at the location. Of those, 98% were observed wearing their seatbelts.

In 2017, we did not conduct any traffic surveys due to us not submitting a Traffic Safety Challenge. We were only able to conduct two in 2018 due to the decision halfway through the year to compete in the 2018 Traffic Safety Challenge.

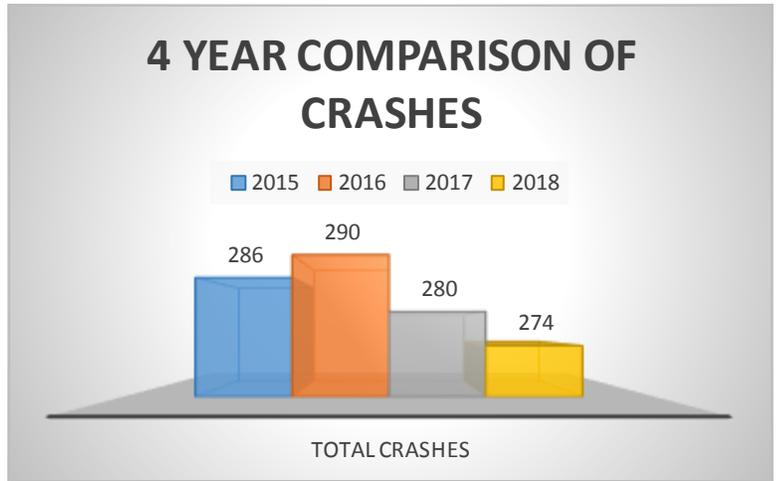
Even though we had a higher voluntary compliance rate in our second survey, we also issued a higher amount of citations than in previous years. The higher results in the second survey could be due to our continued increase in public information and education, stepped up officer enforcement efforts, and our continuously conducting “Click it or Ticket” details.



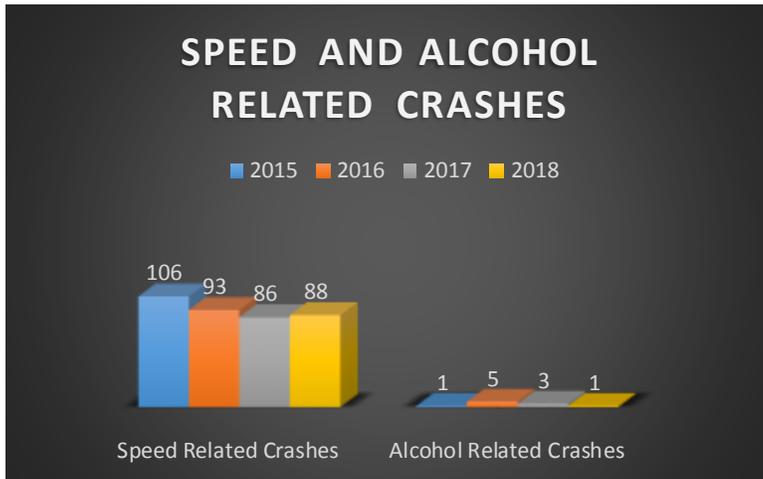
EFFECTIVENESS - CRASH STATISTICS

TOTAL CRASHES

In 2018 the Western Springs Police Department experienced a slight decrease in total crashes. The graph to the right illustrates a four year comparison of total crashes.



SPEED AND ALCOHOL RELATED CRASHES

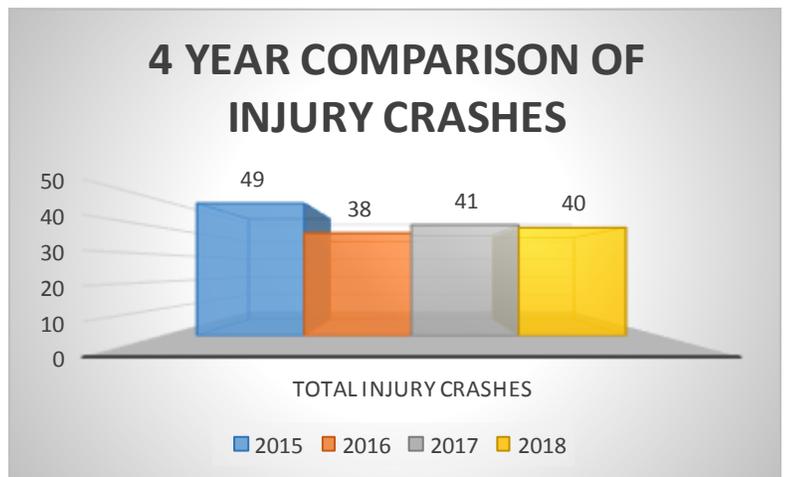


SPEED AND ALCOHOL CRASHES

The Western Springs Police Department experienced an increase of 2.3% (2) in speed related crashes and 66% (2) decrease in alcohol related crashes.

TOTAL INJURY CRASHES

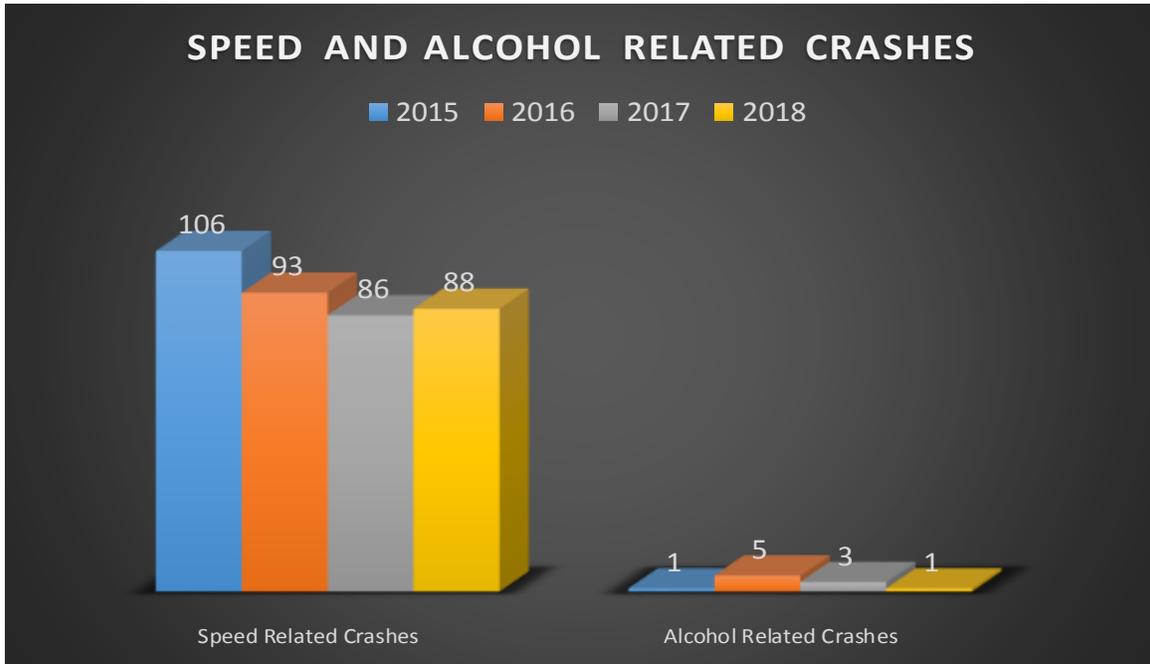
Compared to the previous year, in 2018 the Western Springs Police Department experienced a slight decrease in the last four years with a larger decrease in 2016 in total injury crashes. This includes the following injury classifications: fatal, incapacitating, non-incapacitating, or reported-not evident.



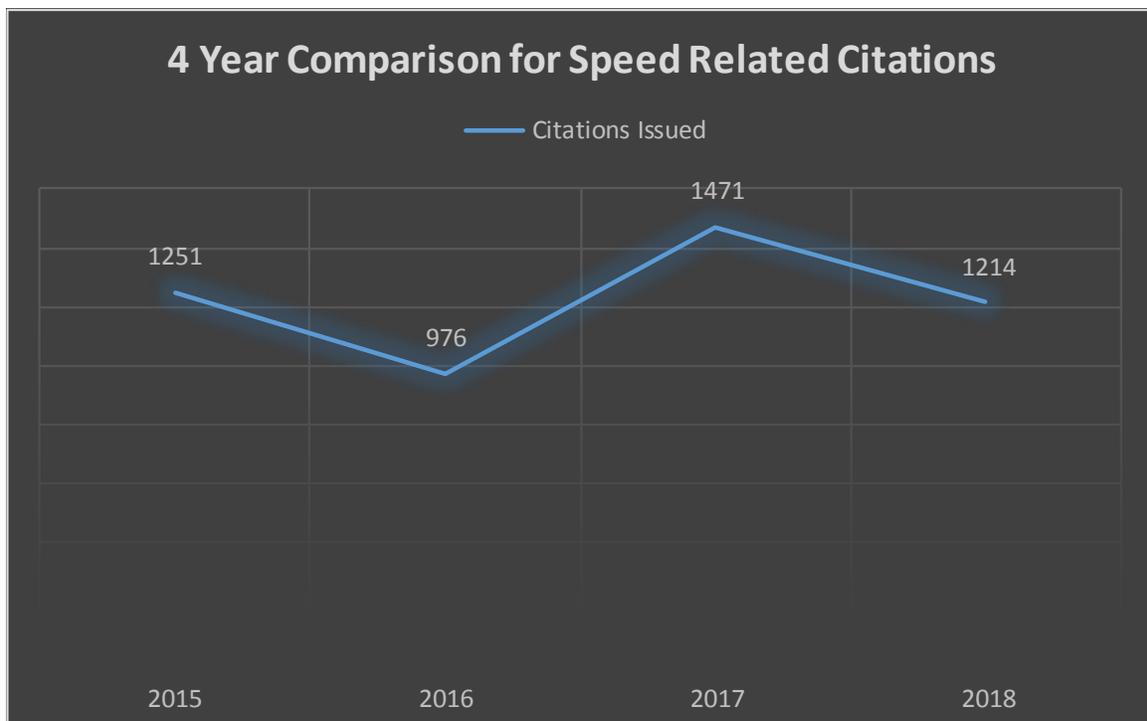
VI. EFFECTIVENESS

SPEED RELATED CRASH STATISTICS AND ENFORCEMENT

The Western Springs Police Department continues to work hard to reduce the number of speed and alcohol related traffic crashes within the Village, we experienced an overall increase of 2.3% (2) in speed related crashes and 66% (2) decrease in alcohol related crashes. While this increase is slight, our enforcement efforts continue to do well and results are improving. The graph below illustrates a three year comparison for alcohol and speed related crashes.



The graph below illustrates a four year comparison of speed related citations issued.

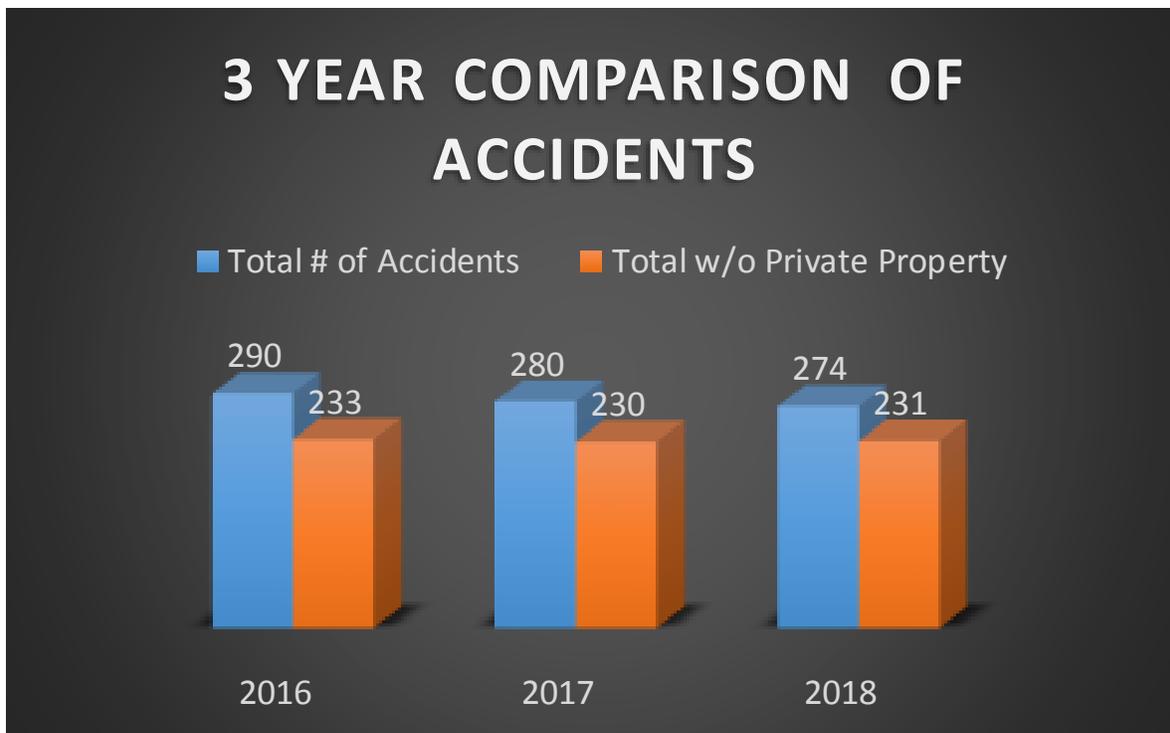
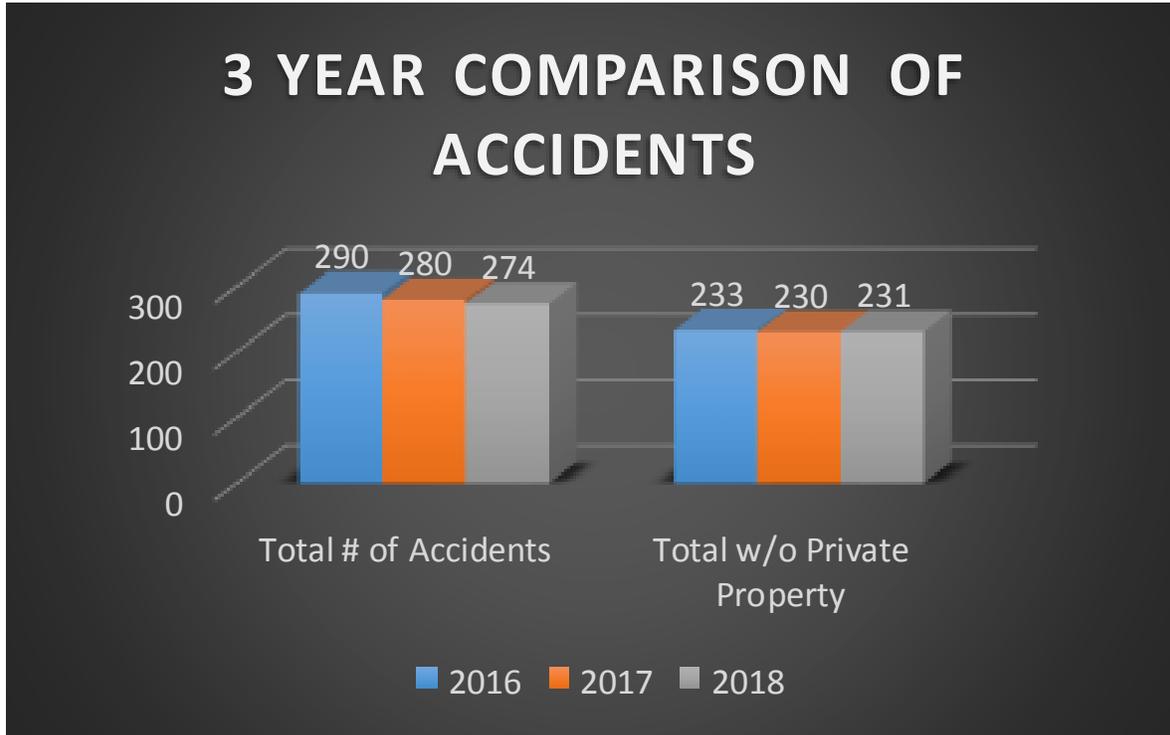


VI. EFFECTIVENESS

EFFECTIVENESS - CRASH STATISTICS

PRIVATE PROPERTY RELATED CRASHES

The Western Springs Police Department responds to all motor vehicle accidents, regardless if they occur on private property. The graph below shows a 3 year comparison of total accidents and total accidents excluding private property. As you can see by the graphs, the total number of accidents dropped approximately 15.6% if private property crashes were excluded from our total.

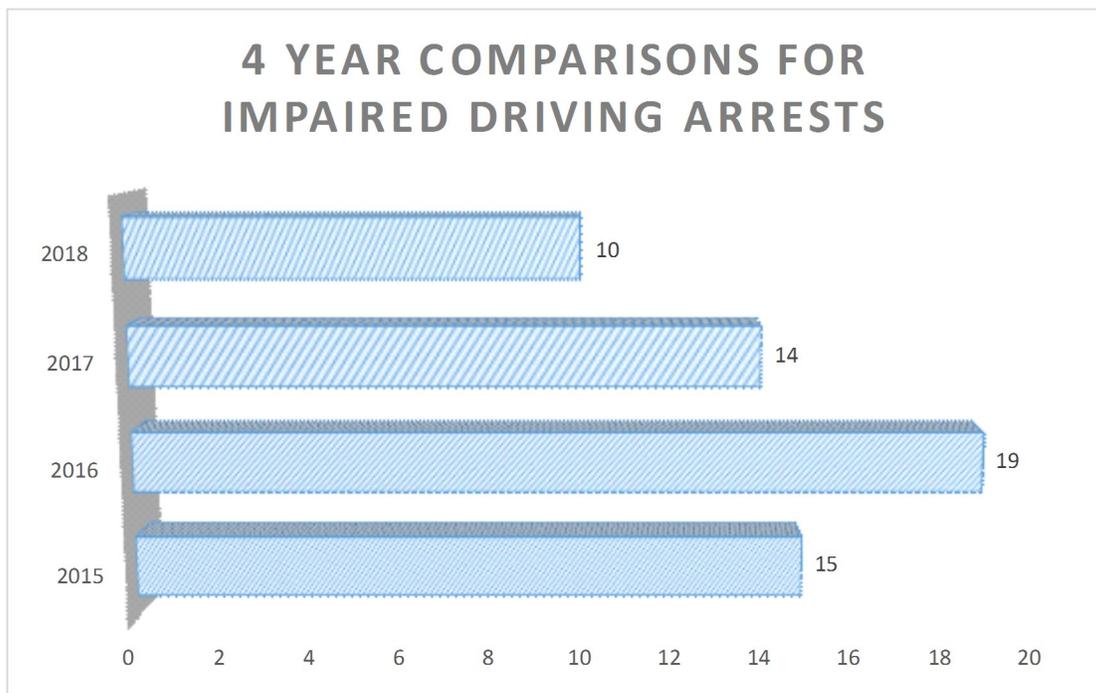
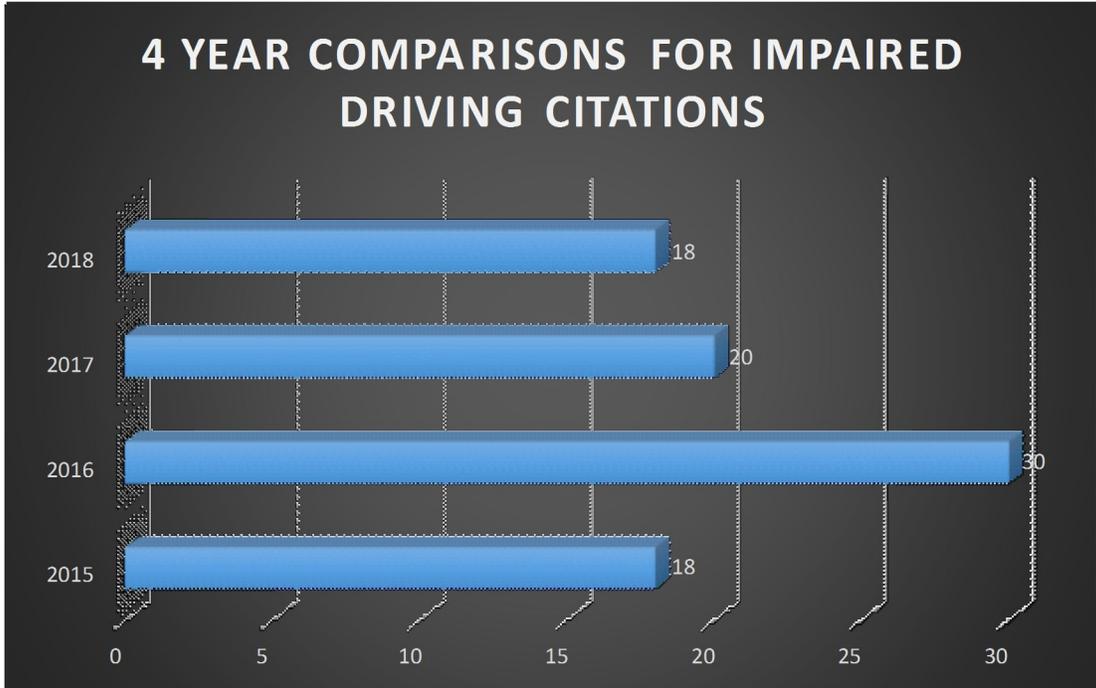


VI. EFFECTIVENESS

EFFECTIVENESS - ALCOHOL CRASH STATISTICS AND ENFORCEMENT

ALCOHOL RELATED CRASH STATISTICS AND ENFORCEMENT

Compared to the previous year, in 2018 the Western Springs Police Department had a slight decrease in citations for impaired driving offenses by 10% (2), and the number of arrests for impaired driving decreased by 28.7% (4). We were not pleased with the number of citations and arrests for impaired driving offenses decreasing. The department plans on increasing our productivity and have made an increase one of our yearly goals. We feel that our efforts have led to positive results in other key areas such as lower alcohol related crashes, which have reduced over the last three years. The graphs below illustrate a four year comparison of impaired driving related citations issued and impaired driving arrests.



VI. EFFECTIVENESS

TRAFFIC CRASH ANALYSIS

Traffic Crash Analysis is done throughout the year on a consistent basis and reviewed during roll call. The traffic crash data is broken down to the number of crashes, injuries, top crash locations, and citations issued at top crash locations. In 2018, our top 5 crash locations included: 47th St. and Gilbert Ave., 55th St. and Wolf Rd., Ogden Ave. and Wolf Rd., Ogden Ave. and Hampton Ave., and 47th St. and Wolf Rd. Causal factors include failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving too fast for conditions, failure to yield turning left, and disobeying a red light. We had changes in our top locations from the previous year, as the 55th St. and Wolf Rd. and the Ogden Ave. and Hampton Ave. locations have been added to our top locations, while Burlington Ave. and Wolf Rd., Ogden Ave. and Woodland Ave., and Wolf Rd. and Hillgrove Ave. have been removed. We increased enforcement in all of the previous accident locations. Officers are directed by their Sergeants to conduct proactive enforcement for these violations at these intersections. As a result of this directed enforcement, officers issued the following ticket totals at each location:

Comparative Citations at Top Accident Locations

2017	2018
Ogden Ave. / Wolf Rd. = 165 tickets	Ogden Ave. / Wolf Rd. = 185 tickets (Increase)
47th St. / Wolf Rd. = 88 tickets	47th St. / Wolf Rd. = 92 tickets (Increase)
47th St. / Gilbert Ave. = 42 tickets	47th St. / Gilbert Ave. = 68 tickets (Increase)
Ogden Ave. / Woodland Ave. = 127 tickets	55th St. / Wolf Rd. = 181 tickets *NEW*
Wolf Rd. / Hillgrove Ave. = 108 tickets	Ogden Ave. / Hampton Ave. = 99 tickets *NEW*
Burlington Ave. / Wolf Rd. = 93 tickets	

NO LONGER IN THE TOP 5

Burlington Ave. / Wolf Rd.

Ogden Ave. / Woodland Ave.

Wolf Rd. / Hillgrove Ave.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

In 2018, the Western Springs Police Department conducted overnight DUI enforcement details, railroad enforcement details, speed details, one of which was overnight, and a distracted driving detail. These details included the Labor Day Campaign, Saint Patrick's Day Campaign, Thanksgiving Day Campaign, a Speed Enforcement Campaign, and a Distracted Driving Campaign. We participated in Rail Safety Week and had our annual Buckle up your Valentine and Saturday Seat Safety Check.

VI. EFFECTIVENESS

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS

In 2018, the Western Springs Police Department stepped up to the challenge of increasing our efforts in the areas of public information and education, officer training, and enforcement. We were faced with the traffic safety problems that include: residential growth and development; roadway construction projects, close proximity to expressways, train stations, and busy roadways which typically leads to an increase of traffic complaints, traffic infractions, and traffic crashes. The men and women of the Western Springs Police Department worked diligently to achieve the following results:

- We increased our enforcement in our top accident zones; resulting in three of last year's locations being removed from the list.
- Three of the previous top traffic accident locations had increased traffic enforcement.
- We had zero fatalities related to traffic accidents.
- We had a decrease in alcohol related crashes from the previous year.
- We utilized our speed sentry signs in an effort to alert passing motorists of their vehicles speed as compared to the posted speed limit.
- We made a continuous increase of our electronic communication tickets over the last three years from 151 to 354 to 493.
- We increased our seat belt enforcement from 20 to 65
- We made a continuous increase of our railroad enforcement tickets over the last three years from 22 to 77 to 86.

These results are never achieved exclusively through traffic enforcement. As you have read, the Western Springs Police Department shows an importance towards public information and education. We are privileged to have strong partnerships with community members, businesses, programs, newspapers, and our schools. They are encouraging of our programs and helpful in getting the word out to the community that we should practice safe behaviors while driving, biking, or walking on the roadway. In 2018, our patrol officers initiated 2,938 traffic stops, issuing 2,970 traffic related citations. Although some of the statistics were less than preferred, we are excited with our overall accomplishments. We feel that our efforts have positive effects in several key areas. As we grow as a community and as a department, we will continue to address a variety of traffic safety issues. We are committed to providing the highest degree of service to our community. In 2019, we will continue to work toward the never ending challenge of traffic safety in an effort to prevent injuries and save lives.

