



2019 Illinois Speed Awareness Day Campaign

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Western Springs Police Join Forces with Agencies Statewide for 2019 Illinois Speed Awareness Day Campaign

Western Springs, IL -7-22-19 – During Illinois Speed Awareness Day this July 24th, the Western Springs Police Department is taking a proactive approach promoting safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists through both education and enforcement. According to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in 2017, there were 311,679 crashes involving motor vehicles, crashes involving speed accounted for 33.2% of overall crashes, 36.2% of fatal crashes, and 37.9% of injury crashes. These lives can be easily saved by being aware of our speed and understanding how speeding impacts a crash.

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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.

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.illinoisspeedawarenessday.org.

For further information and updates, please follow the Western Springs Police Department Facebook and Twitter pages:

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