



Illinois State Police to conduct Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols

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COLLINSVILLE – Captain Timothy Tyler, District 11 Commander, announced today that the Illinois State Police (ISP) will conduct Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols (OREP) in St. Clair or Madison County during the month of December.

OREP allows the ISP to target an area with saturation patrols that focus on traffic violations and related compliance with safety belt and child safety seat laws. Safety belt enforcement zones will also be set up to ensure the driver and passengers are buckled up. Beginning January 1, 2012, Illinois law requires all vehicle passengers (front and back) to be buckled up!

Safety belts are one of the most effective safety devices in vehicles today, estimated to save over 16,000 lives each year. Over half of vehicle occupants killed in a traffic crash were not properly buckled up.

The objective of this program is to increase compliance of occupant restraint laws through education, child seat inspections, and enforcement. Greater awareness, acceptance, and use of occupant protection equipment will save many lives.

This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety.