Edwardsville Police Makes 12 DUI Arrests Over Halloween Traffic Enforcement

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EDWARDSVILLE - The Edwardsville Police Department conducted additional traffic enforcement Oct. 19–Nov. 3 through Halloween and has released statistics from the evening.

Edwardsville Police said the extra enforcement was to remind motorists to buckle up and not drive impaired, day or night, as part of the nationwide Click It or Ticket/Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement effort. During the 15-day mobilization, Edwardsville Police Department issued 81 traffic citations and made 12 arrests for DUI.

Edwardsville Police joined other state and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to reduce highway deaths by issuing citations to unbuckled motorists and arresting impaired drivers.

"The annual campaign may be over in Edwardsville/Madison County, but that isn't an excuse to stop buckling up," Edwardsville Police Lt. Chris Byrne said. "Not wearing your seat belt is a primary offense, meaning law enforcement can stop you and issue a citation for that alone. All vehicle occupants, regardless of seating position, are required to wear a properly adjusted seat belt.

"Our officers are out year-round. If you or your passengers are caught not wearing a seat belt, you will be cited for the violation. "If you drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will be arrested."

The Click It or Ticket/Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement effort is funded with federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.