

## Illinois State Police Prepare For Increased Holiday Travel

November 22 2019 12:12 PM

ULLIN, IL—The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is generally one of the busiest travel holiday periods of the year. As millions of travelers take to Illinois roadways to celebrate Thanksgiving, Illinois State Police (ISP)Captain Michael Alvey wants to remind motorists to drive safely.

The ISP will utilize a combination of enforcement and education to reduce serious crashes and criminal activities. ISP Troopers will be highly visible on the interstates and heavily traveled state routes and will aggressively enforce Fatal Four violations; Speeding, DUI, Distracted Driving and Seat Belts.

Drivers can do their part to ensure they, and their passengers, experience safe travels. Simply keeping your eyes on the road, watching your speed, buckling your seatbelt, and refraining from driving after consuming alcoholic beverages, can reduce your chances of being involved in a traffic crash.

The ISP will be doing our part to help keep everyone safe by removing intoxicated drivers from our roadways, please remember, buzzed driving is drunk driving. Troopers will also be on the watch for drivers exceeding speed limits and those who choose to drive distracted.

Commander Alvey stated: "I would like for you to enjoy your time with family and friends this Thanksgiving Day. Take a moment to remember the first responders and members of the military who are unable to be with their families this year due to their commitments to serve their communities and country. While traveling on the roadways be responsible by, not speeding, buckling your seatbelt, driving sober, and keeping your eyes on the road. Also, I would like to remind motorists to move over or slow down for any vehicles on the side of the road with flashing lights. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day and be careful while on the roadways, so this time of year will continue to be a day of thanks instead of regret."

The ISP is joining the Illinois Department of Transportation, and other law enforcement agencies, to remind motorists to *Click It or Ticket*. The Click It or Ticket campaign officially starts on November 22 and will end on December 2. The goal of this high-visibility effort is to reduce motor vehicle crashes resulting in injuries and fatalities. Stepped-up patrols and seat belt enforcement zones will be seen throughout the state through the holiday period.