

# Illinois State Police To Conduct Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrol

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COLLINSVILLE – Illinois State Police (ISP) District 11 Commander, Captain Mark Doiron, announces that the ISP will conduct Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols (OREP) in St. Clair and/or Madison County during the month of October. 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 February 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. One Driving Fatality is One too Many and the Illinois State Police is Committed to Making Zero Fatalities a Reality