



Village of Harwood Heights Police Department
7300 W. Wilson Ave. Harwood Heights, Illinois 60706

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Harwood Heights, IL – The Harwood Heights Police Department participated in the Memorial Day Enforcement Campaign reminding motorists to *Click It or Ticket*.

During the Memorial Day Enforcement Campaign, Harwood Heights officers worked an additional 47 hours of patrol taking the following enforcement actions:

- Conducted 60 traffic stops
- Cited 8 seat belt violators
- Cited 15 distracted drivers
- Issued 15 other various traffic violation citations

“Through the Memorial Day enforcement campaign, we helped make Illinois roads safer and spread the word that seat belts and child safety restraints save lives,” said Sergeant Nick Ramirez.

While Illinois’ 2022 seat belt compliance rate was 93%, unbelted occupants still account for more than half of those killed in traffic crashes. The “*Click It or Ticket*” campaign aims to change the behavior of the millions of people who don’t buckle up. Thousands of lives could be saved each year if every vehicle occupant was properly restrained when traveling.

The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Our efforts are to keep the roadway safe.

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