



**Village of Harwood Heights Police Department**  
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**Press Release**  
**Harwood Heights Police Department Announces**  
**Distracted Driving Enforcement Results**

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Harwood Heights, IL – The Harwood Heights Police Department participated in April’s Distracted Driving Awareness Month Enforcement Campaign which ran throughout the entire month of April, reminding motorists to *Drop It and Drive*.

During the Distracted Driving Awareness Month Enforcement Campaign, Harwood Heights officers worked an additional 188 hours of patrol taking the following enforcement actions:

- Conducted 244 traffic stops
- Made 3 traffic arrests
- Cited 151 distracted drivers
- Cited 5 seat belt violators
- Cited 2 speeding violators
- Issued 60 other various traffic violation citations

“We strongly enforce traffic laws for one reason - to save lives,” said Sergeant Nick Ramirez. “This increased enforcement was implemented to help motorists avoid the often-deadly consequences of distracted driving with a simple reminder: Drop it and drive.”

The Harwood Heights Police Department joined forces with the Illinois State Police, local law enforcement and highway safety partners for this enforcement effort. 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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