



Village of Harwood Heights Police Department

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Press Release

Harwood Heights Police Department Awarded Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Enforcement Grant

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Harwood Heights, IL –The Harwood Heights Police Department has been awarded federal funding for the 2024 Federal Fiscal Year to conduct additional traffic safety efforts through the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. The STEP Grant Program focuses on high-visibility enforcement and strategies aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing traffic crashes.

“We’re pleased to receive this grant for the second year in a row to help step up our traffic safety efforts with the goal of reducing traffic crashes, educating drivers of dangerous driving behaviors, and saving lives,” said Sergeant Nick Ramirez. “Our mission is to educate the public on risks associated with dangerous driving behaviors as well as stopping, citing, and arresting those who choose to violate traffic laws through proactive patrols”.

The 2024 STEP Grant year runs from October 1st, 2023, through September 30th, 2024. The Harwood Heights Police Department will also conduct additional enforcement to supplement mandatory, and optional campaign enforcement dates scheduled during some of the deadliest travel times of the year. The additional enforcement efforts will focus on the leading contributory causes of crashes which include speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving, failure to yield and disobeying traffic control devices and signals, as well as occupant restraint violations.

The STEP Grant 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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