Village of Harwood Heights Police Department

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Press Release

Harwood Heights Police Department
Awarded Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant

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Harwood Heights, IL –The Harwood Heights Police Department has been awarded federal funding for the fifth consecutive year through the Illinois Department of Transportation's Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The grant supports additional high-visibility traffic enforcement aimed at reducing crashes, preventing injuries, and saving lives.

The Federal Fiscal Year 2027 grant runs from October 1st, 2026, through September 30th, 2027. Officers will conduct enforcement during major holidays and designated traffic safety campaigns including Distracted Driving Awareness Month and Speed Awareness Day along with additional patrols throughout the year.

Enforcement will focus on the "Fatal Four" traffic safety priorities: speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving, and occupant protection violations. Officers will also address other dangerous driving behaviors including failure to yield and disobeying traffic control devices and signals.

"This funding allows us to put additional officers on the street to address dangerous driving and help make our roads safer for our residents, people who work in our village, and those passing through," said Sergeant Nick Ramirez. "Through education and proactive enforcement, our goal is to reduce traffic crashes and make Harwood Heights safer for everyone."

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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