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April is national Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The Schaumburg Police Department today announced the results of the Distracted Driving Campaign. The increased enforcement was part of the national Distracted Driving Awareness Month effort supported by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

During the two-week campaign that ran April 16th – 30th, the Schaumburg Police Department conducted the following enforcement:

- [119] electronic communication device citations
- [1] seat belt citations
- [2] suspended/revoked licenses
- [1] drug arrest

In addition to grant funded enforcement, the Schaumburg Police Department increased traffic enforcement activity as a part of Illinois Distracted Driving Week, April 23rd to April 27th. As a department, officers overall issued 242 electronic communication device citations, 2 child passenger safety citations, 6 seatbelt citations and 135 speeding citations.

Texting while driving distracts the driver visually, manually and cognitively, putting everyone on the road at risk. Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55 mph for the length of an entire football field.

"Distracted Driving Awareness Month may be over, but the Schaumburg Police Department will continue working to stop drivers from engaging in this deadly behavior," Sgt. Christy Lindhurst said.

The Illinois *Drop It and Drive* program is funded with federal highway safety dollars administered by IDOT.



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