

**Mark C. Curran Jr. Sheriff**

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### **Lake County Sheriff's Office Joins Forces with Agencies Statewide for 2018 Illinois Speed Awareness Day**

**Waukegan, IL** – Sheriff Mark Curran is reminding motorists that Wednesday, July 25, 2018, is Speed Awareness Day. Expanded traffic safety patrols will be visible throughout the county to remind motorists to drive within the speed limit.

Sheriff Curran stated, "This isn't about writing tickets, it's about raising awareness that speeding is still the number one cause of traffic crashes in Illinois. Enforcement campaigns are necessary and effective at raising awareness and reaching motorists."

In residential areas, speeding can have the following consequences:

- When a pedestrian is hit by a car at 20 MPH, there is a 10% likelihood of being killed; at a speed of 30 MPH, the percentage increases to a 50% likelihood of being killed.
- The higher the speed at impact, the more severe the injuries sustained.
- 37% of the speed-related crashes result in injuries.
- When speeding, there is a greater chance that other road users will misjudge how fast you are traveling.
- Speeding extends the distance required to stop a vehicle in emergency situations.
- Speeding reduces a driver's ability to navigate safely around curves or objects in the roadway.

Let's all do our part by taking a proactive approach to prevent fatalities and reduce injuries on the roadways by being aware of our speed and obeying the speed limit signs ALL the time. If you would like more information about Illinois Speed Awareness Day, please visit [www.illinoispeedawarenessday.org](http://www.illinoispeedawarenessday.org).

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