

**Mark C. Curran Jr. Sheriff**

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### **Lake County Sheriff's Office Earns First Place Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge Award**

Waukegan, IL – The Lake County Sheriff's Office earned first place in the 2017 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge for sheriff departments with 101-250 sworn officers. The annual Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge is coordinated by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Traffic Committee and supported by a NHTSA grant, administered through IDOT's Division of Transportation Safety as well as private funding. Sgt. Tom Struck accepted the award this morning at an awards breakfast held in Tinley Park.

The challenge targets three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, speeding and impaired driving. In 2017, the Lake County Sheriff's Office conducted a series of traffic safety campaigns, including "Click It or Ticket," "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Arrive Alive," and "Drop It And Drive" with NHTSA and IDOT.

Sheriff Mark Curran stated, "We take traffic safety seriously. I've said it many times, each year we see too many lives lost to reckless actions on the roadways. We are working hard to reduce the number of lives lost and injuries incurred, due to careless driving and bad choices."

Monthly traffic safety campaigns in 2017 included DUI, Seat Belt Safety, Speeding, Distracted Driving and Construction Zone Patrols. Below are the 2017 traffic safety results:

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY	2017
Total Seat Belt Citations	615
Total Child Seat Citations	43
Total Speeding Citations	5,709
Total Impaired Driving Arrests	254
Total Illegal Cell Phone Use Citations	374
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>6,995</b>

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