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# ILACP Celebrates Statewide Success of 2025 Illinois Speed Awareness Day

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) is proud to announce the remarkable results of the 2025 Speed Awareness Day, held in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and law enforcement agencies across the state to promote safer roads and save lives.

This year's campaign saw an outstanding level of participation, with **170 agencies** registered and **162 reporting their results**. Collectively, officers dedicated **4,517 hours** to targeted traffic safety enforcement and education.

# **Key Results from 2025:**

• Total Citations Issued: 5,189

Speeding Citations: 3,169

Other Citations: 2,020

Total Warnings Issued: 4,140

Speeding Warnings: 1,688

Other Warnings: 2,452

## Arrests:

o 6 DUI (alcohol) arrests

4 DUI (drug) arrests

o 248 traffic arrests

#### 52 criminal arrests

## **Notable Enforcement Outcomes:**

- Recovery of six firearms
- An officer located a missing suicidal subject during a traffic stop
- A burglary suspect was apprehended during a traffic stop
- A vehicle wanted in a hit-and-run was recovered
- Felony cannabis arrest
- Multiple arrests for fleeing and eluding
- Arrest on a warrant for aggravated battery
- Several arrests for aggravated speeding

# **Community Outreach and Public Education**

Public awareness was a critical part of this year's success, with **nearly 100 community outreach efforts** statewide. Agencies connected with residents through social media campaigns, print media, radio interviews (including WLS Chicago Morning Show), and at least four television interviews, including Rockford, Chicago, Chicago Telemundo (Spanishlanguage), and Mattoon.

"Speed Awareness Day is more than just enforcement; it's about saving lives through education, visibility, and community engagement," said Kenny Winslow, ILACP Executive Director. "This year's results show the dedication of Illinois law enforcement to making our roads safer for everyone."

The ILACP thanks every agency and officer who participated, as well as every Illinois driver who slowed down, stayed alert, and made a conscious choice to keep our roads safe.

## Illinois Speed Awareness Day History

First launched by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) in 2016, this campaign continues to grow, including partnerships with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Illinois Tollway

Authority, Illinois State Police (ISP), AAA, and hundreds of law enforcement agencies statewide. Speed Awareness Day is a two-pronged effort, combining an education/public outreach component, along with a high visibility enforcement effort.

The ILACP's goal is to build and coordinate a High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) program to include public and private partnerships to address the issues of excessive speeding. By combining efforts, a common goal can be achieved: reduce crashes, prevent injuries, and, more importantly, save lives through proactive enforcement and public awareness.

# **About the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police**

The ILACP is the professional organization of Chiefs of Police and other leaders of law enforcement and public safety organizations in the State of Illinois. It is Illinois' leading police executive organization. ILACP promotes the professionalism and personal development of its members through innovative services, training, and camaraderie to make a positive impact on the quality of life in the communities our members serve.

## More Information

For more **information** on the *Illinois Speed Awareness Day* and **resources**, visit <a href="https://www.ilchiefs.org/speed-awareness-day">https://www.ilchiefs.org/speed-awareness-day</a>

**Photos and videos** from the press conference as well as **graphics** for media use can be found <u>here</u>.

To request **an interview** about Speed Awareness Day or for additional media inquiries, please contact:

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