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Law Enforcement Steps-Up Efforts Targeting Distracted Drivers

Round Lake Park, IL – In recognition of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the Round Lake Park Police is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across the state. Throughout April, motorists can expect increased patrols looking for texting and driving and other traffic violations.

‘Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of motor vehicle crashes on our roads today,’ said Chief Burch. ‘During Distracted Driving Awareness Month, law enforcement will boost enforcement efforts, stopping anyone texting and driving. Remember, pay attention or pay the price.’

Between 2012 and 2021, approximately 32,000 lives were lost in crashes involving distracted drivers. Everyone has the potential for distracted driving crashes, but those between the ages of 16 and 24 are especially at risk. If you need to text, pull over to a safe location, or if you have a passenger, consider appointing a “designated texter.” Whatever the solution, don’t text and drive.

In Illinois, using your phone in anything other than hands-free mode is dangerous and illegal. Pay attention or pay the price.

The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.