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Summary of Saturation Patrols for Speed Enforcement



Milwaukee, WI – Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt has ordered on-going, random saturation patrols on the Milwaukee County free way system to combat reckless driving and dangerously high speeding. The Wisconsin State Patrol has partnered with the Sheriff's Office on this initiative.

Last week, from 01/18/18 to 01/24/18, 324 traffic citations were issued, 137 for speeding:

11-15 mph over:	17	25-29 mph over:	15
16-19 mph over:	47	30-34 mph over:	3
20-24 mph over:	55		

Unreasonable-imprudent speed: 41

Statement from Sheriff Schmidt: “When weather improved last week, the reckless driving dramatically increased. Catastrophic life-altering personal injury crashes and totaled cars will become the norm unless the reckless behavior stops. Join me in changing the culture! Slow Down - Stay Alive!”

Crashes YTD – 331; 0 fatalities OWI arrests YTD: 41 OWI; 1 OWI/Drugs

The focus of the saturation patrols is on reducing crashes, serious injury and property damage, and is not based on generating revenue. Construction zone safety is also compromised by speeding, reckless drivers. Motorists need to obey Wisconsin's MOVE OVER LAW, moving over a lane for emergency vehicles and tow trucks, or slowing to under 40 mph if unable to safely change lanes.

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