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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 freeway 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 01/25/18 to 01/31/18, 414 traffic citations were issued, 218 for speeding:

11-15 mph over:	29	25-29 mph over:	14
16-19 mph over:	105	30-34 mph over:	5
20-24 mph over:	63	35-39 mph over:	1
Unreasonable-imprudent speed:	41	40-44 mph over:	1

Statement from Sheriff Schmidt: “With more than 200 speeding tickets issued this past week by the sporadic speed saturation patrols, clearly not everyone is changing their reckless driving behavior. We’ll continue speed enforcement patrols until the message gets through to motorists on our freeway system.”

Crashes YTD – 398; 1 fatality OWI arrests YTD: 58 OWI; 4 OWI/Drugs

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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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