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Summary of Saturation Patrols for Speed Enforcement SLOW DOWN – DRIVE SOBER – STAY ALIVE



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 02/22/18 to 02/28/18, 286 traffic citations were issued, 220 for speeding:

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| 11-15 mph over: | 35 | 30-34 mph over: | 7 |
| 16-19 mph over: | 74 | 45-49 mph over: | 1 |
| 20-24 mph over: | 83 | | |
| 25-29 mph over: | 19 | Unreasonable-imprudent speed: | 7 |

Statement from Sheriff Schmidt: “A speeding, four-time drunk driver crashed through a construction zone this week, nearly hitting several workers. Drunk drivers are playing roulette with other people’s lives. Slow Down – Drive Sober – Stay Alive!”

Crashes YTD – 808; 3 fatalities OWI arrests YTD: 135 OWI; 12 OWI/Drugs

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The focus of the saturation patrols is to reduce 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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