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Sheriff Schmidt Orders 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.

Statement from Sheriff Schmidt: "I am pleased with the efforts of the deputies and troopers. We will continue to make it publicly known that I am committed to the saturation patrols until we gain voluntary compliance to the laws in place to keep the motoring public safe."

This week, since last Thursday, 410 speed citations were issued:

16-19 mph over:	111
20-24 mph over:	75
25-29 mph over:	17
30-34 mph over:	2
35-39 mph over:	2
40-44 mph over:	1

Unreasonable-imprudent speed: 6

Other traffic violations: 196

The effort focuses on public safety, 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.

Sheriff Schmidt pointed out that for every 10 miles driven at 10 mph over the speed limit, a driver is only saving 1 minute 42 seconds. The time saved is not worth the risk to other drivers, nor the cost of the ticket.

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Distance Traveled (M)	Speed (MPH)	Time (Mins)	Time Saved (Mins)
10	55	10.9	0.0
10	60	10.0	0.9
10	65	9.2	1.7
10	70	8.6	2.3
10	75	8.0	2.9
10	80	7.5	3.4
10	85	7.1	3.9

Summary	
Time (Minutes) Saved Every 10 Miles	
65 vs. 55	1.7
75 vs. 55	2.9
85 vs. 55	3.9

Mathematical formula : Distance = Rate * Time

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