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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 02/08/18 to 02/15/18, 249 traffic citations were issued, 177 for speeding:

11-15 mph over:	1	30-34 mph over:	10
16-19 mph over:	55	35-39 mph over:	1
20-24 mph over:	92	40-44 mph over:	1
25-29 mph over:	17	Unreasonable-imprudent speed:	12

Statement from Sheriff Schmidt: “Traveling 80, 90, 100 miles per hour, weaving in and out of traffic, and following too closely equals a recipe for disastrous crashes! You want to make it home, not to the hospital. Slow Down – Drive Sober – Stay Alive!”

Crashes YTD – 672; 1 fatality OWI arrests YTD: 98 OWI; 10 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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