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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 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 03/01/18 to 03/07/18, 238 traffic citations were issued, 197 for speeding:

11-15 mph over:	37	30-34 mph over:	9
16-19 mph over:	78	35-39 mph over:	3
20-24 mph over:	56		
25-29 mph over:	12	Unreasonable-imprudent speed:	8

Statement from Sheriff Schmidt: "A reckless drunk driver slammed into one of our squads on the freeway this week, totaling the squad. Fortunately the deputy was not in the squad when it was struck and was not injured. Slow Down – Drive Sober – Stay Alive!"

Crashes YTD – 898; 3 fatalities OWI arrests YTD: 156 OWI; 13 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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