



# NEWS RELEASE

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### ***DUI STRIKE FORCE PATROLS – CHICAGO LAWN (8<sup>th</sup>) & NEAR WEST (12<sup>th</sup>) DISTRICTS***

The Chicago Police Department will be conducting DUI Strike Force Patrols in the Chicago Lawn (8<sup>th</sup>) and Near West (12<sup>th</sup>) Districts this weekend. The DUI Strike Force Patrol in the Chicago Lawn (8<sup>th</sup>) District will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and end at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. The DUI Strike Force Patrol will commence in the Near West (12<sup>th</sup>) District at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 and end at 3:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The purpose of this program is to saturate a pre-designated area with roving police officers that continually monitor vehicular traffic for signs of impaired driving. Patrols also place emphasis on speed, alcohol-related and safety belt violations. Police vehicles equipped for speed detection are deployed to apprehend speeding violators.

In addition, the Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Unit may also be deployed to allow officers to expedite the process of charging a person with Driving under the Influence (DUI) prior to transporting an alleged into the nearest lockup for bonding. The mobile unit also allows for Individual Recognizance Bonds (I-Bonds) to be issued at the site of the DUI Strike Force Patrol.

The DUI Strike Force Patrol conducted in the Calumet (5<sup>th</sup>) District on May 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, resulted in the following:

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| <b>Driving Under the Influence</b> | <b>4</b>                      |
| Unsafe Vehicle Violations          | 44                            |
| Insurance Violations               | 15                            |
| Driver's License Violations        | 14                            |
| Safety Belt Violations             | 24                            |
| Traffic Violations (Other)         | 30                            |
| <b>Total Citations</b>             | <b>131</b>                    |
| Other Arrests                      | 1 – Driving w/Revoked License |
| Vehicles Towed                     | 7                             |

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