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## DUI STRIKE FORCE PATROL – NEAR WEST (12th) DISTRICT

The Chicago Police Department will be conducting a DUI Strike Force Patrol in the Near West (12<sup>th</sup>) District this weekend. The DUI Strike Force Patrol will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2016 and end at 3:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

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 Grand Central (25<sup>th</sup>) District on September 9-10, 2016, resulted in the following:

Driving Under the Influence	1
Unsafe Vehicle Violations Insurance Violations	46 21
Safety Belt Violations	20
Driver's License Violations Traffic Violations (Other)	14 <u>54</u>
Total Citations	156
Vehicles Towed	3

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