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DUI SATURATION PATROL – 15th (Austin) District

The Chicago Police Department will be conducting a DUI Saturation Patrol in the 15th (Austin) District this weekend. The DUI Saturation Patrol will take place **Friday, February 23, 2024, from 6 p.m. to Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 2 a.m.**

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 Saturation Patrol.

The DUI Saturation Patrol in the 7th (Englewood) District on February 16-17, 2024, resulted in the following:

Driving Under the Influence	0
Unsafe Vehicle Violations	13
Open Liquor	0
Insurance Violations	8
Seat Belt Violations	4
Child Seat Violations	1
Suspended/Revoked	0
No Driver's License	2
Driver's License Violations	0
Speed Violations	3
Distracted Driving Cellphone	0
Traffic Violations (Other)	24
Total Citations	55
Other Arrests	0
Vehicles Towed	0

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