

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE



For Immediate Release

Issued: March 28, 2025

To Provide Info Call 815-748-8400

To Report a Crime/Request Emergency Police Response Call 9-1-1

The DeKalb Police Department recognizes Distracted Driving Awareness Month with a reminder for motorists: Put the Phone Away or Pay

DeKalb, IL– The DeKalb Police Department announced today that it is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across the state in recognition of Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

“We’re excited to support IDOT’s efforts in educating all road users about the importance of putting your phone away, setting your navigation before your trip begins, and driving distraction-free.”

“It has become all too common to see people driving down the road while looking at their phones,” said Commander Tony Kwasniewski. “People know texting and driving is both dangerous and illegal, but they do it anyway, putting themselves and others at risk. During April, you will see increased law enforcement efforts as officers stop and ticket anyone who violates distracted driving and other Illinois motor vehicle laws.”

In Illinois, using your phone in anything other than hands-free mode is not only dangerous, but also illegal. Put the phone away or pay.

The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT

###

PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

City of DeKalb Police Department
700 W. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb IL 60115
815.748.8400 / TDD 815.748.8400 / Fax 815.748.2055
Website: www.cityofdekalb.com / Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/dekalbpolic / [ALERTDeKalb.com](https://www.facebook.com/ALERTDeKalb.com)