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The DeKalb Police Department Recognizes Distracted Driving Awareness Month

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month across the nation, and the DeKalb Police Department is urging drivers to drop their phones and focus on the road with a not-so-subtle reminder: “Phone in One Hand? Ticket in the Other.”

“It is still all too common to see people driving down the road while looking at their phones,” said Commander Chad McNett. “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 support of this effort, the DeKalb Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies around Illinois for the entire month of April.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a total of 26,004 people died in U.S. crashes involving a distracted driver between 2012 and 2019.

The distracted driving campaign is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal traffic safety funds.

In the recent St. Patrick’s Day safety campaign, DeKalb Police issued 6 traffic citations for speeding. One driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

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