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### **ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TOPS THE STATE FOR DUI ARRESTS IN 2011**

ROCKFORD – Police Chief Chet Epperson is pleased to announce the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist (AAIM) released the results of their survey naming the Rockford Police Department the first in the state for DUI arrests among municipals departments with 686 DUI arrest in the year 2011. This is the fifth consecutive year Rockford Officers’ have placed them first in the state.

The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) has conducted annual surveys of Illinois police departments to determine how many driving under the influence of alcohol and drug arrests have been made giving recognition to the departments and individual officers for their efforts in the fight against drunk drivers.

Three Rockford Police Officers ranked in the top 20 for DUI arrests:

Investigator Rosemary Mathews was 1<sup>st</sup> with 181 DUI arrests in 2011

Investigator Paul Gallagher was 4<sup>th</sup> with 153 DUI arrests in 2011

Investigator Vernon Sims was 5<sup>th</sup> with 148 DUI arrests in 2011

Chief Epperson commented “The Officers are committed to removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways to make Rockford safer for everyone. I applaud their efforts and diligence in enforcing the traffic laws of this State, particularly the laws of drunken driving and seat belt usage”.

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