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Incident: **Rockford Police and Traffic Investigator led the State of Illinois in DUI arrests in 2012**

MESSAGE

The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (A.A.I.M.) announced yesterday their annual Illinois DUI Arrest survey for 2012. The Rockford Police Department is pleased to announce that for the sixth consecutive year, the Rockford Police Department is first in the state in DUI arrests among municipal departments, with 699 arrests for 2012. (Because of its size, Chicago is in its own category.) (AAIM's Press Release is attached)

Rockford Traffic Investigator John Wenstrom, a 13 year veteran of the Department was Illinois Top Cop with 205 DUI arrests. Rockford Traffic Investigator Rose Mathews, a 24 year veteran of the Department was ranked 4th with 150 arrests and Investigator Vernon Sims, a 23 year veteran of the Department was 12th place in the state with 115 DUI arrests.

The Rockford Police Department has four Traffic Investigators assigned as a DUI Task Force that work from 7pm to 5am. These Investigators main purpose is to locate intoxicated drivers in an effort to keep the streets of Rockford safe.

Rockford Police Traffic Unit Commander Lt. Christine Bishop said "I am very proud of the efforts of our DUI Task Force and the work that they do."

Rockford Police Field Services Bureau Deputy Chief said "Investigators Wenstrom, Mathews and Sims dedication to their profession reflects highly on the Rockford Police Department and City of Rockford, I congratulate all three of them."

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