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The Rockford Police Department will be participating in the IDOT sponsored “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over & Click It or Ticket” campaigns for the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday. The campaign enforcement details will be conducted between May 11th and May 25th. These details will consist of seatbelt enforcement along with impaired driver enforcement. With funding from this grant, the Rockford Police Department will hire back officers to conduct these details.

Information provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation:

In Illinois, as of January 1, 2012, all drivers and passengers must wear seat belts in all seating positions in the car, not just the front seat. During statewide observational surveys conducted by IDOT in 2014, the overall usage rate for rear seat occupants was 84.0 percent versus 94.1 percent for drivers and front seat passengers.

In 2013, back seat passengers in Illinois accounted for 48 fatalities and over 7,500 injuries. Out of those 48 fatalities, 24 of them were not wearing their seat belt.

Provisional numbers show that during the 2014 Memorial Day weekend there were twelve fatalities on Illinois roadways. Three of those fatalities were alcohol-related. Remember – wearing your seat belt is your best defense against an impaired driver. While this year’s Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign runs from May 11 through May 25, officers are out enforcing seat belt laws year-round. Buckle up and



encourage your loved ones to do the same. You will save the cost of a ticket and may save a life.

This law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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