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Incident: **Clover Leaf Construction Zone Enforcement**

MESSAGE

On 4-27-11 The Rockford Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a traffic enforcement detail at the North 2nd Street clover leaf construction zone. The goal for this detail was to educate the citizens of Rockford on construction zone traffic safety.

On 5-20-2011 a follow up assignment at the clover leaf construction zone was done. Once again a plain clothes traffic investigator was used. The traffic investigator was positioned in the construction zone around the IDOT construction workers. This investigator was positioned in such a way to allow him a clear view of passing cars and their occupants. The investigator ran LIDAR speed measuring equipment on the passing vehicles. Offending vehicles were stopped by other members of the Traffic Unit.

5-20-2011 Detail Results:

21 vehicles were stopped in a two-hour period.

15 citations were given for cell phone usage in a construction zone

4 citations were issued for speed violations in the construction zone

1 no proof of insurance violation was issued

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The first educational detail is viewed as a success due to the overall number of violations being reduced. The two details were run for the same two hour time frame.

Results from the 1st detail:

24 vehicles were stopped in a two-hour period.

18 warnings were given for cell phone usage in a construction zone

6 warnings were issued for speed violations in the construction zone

2 no proof of insurance violations were written

1 suspended driver was issued a citation

1 warrant was served

1 Scott's Law violation was written

Enforcement will continue in the construction zones within the city of Rockford.

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