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Rockford Police Department Wins Statewide Traffic Safety Award

ROCKFORD – The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police recognized the Rockford Police Department at an awards ceremony on August 12, 2009 in Rosemont, Illinois for placing first in the “2008 – 2009 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge.

The Traffic Safety Challenge is a statewide highway safety program that recognizes law enforcement agencies for their efforts in addressing traffic and highway safety issues in their jurisdiction. The program is coordinated by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Committee and funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation – Division of Traffic Safety, as well as private funding from corporate sponsors. Participation in the program is voluntary and requires agencies to submit a detailed report of their policies, officer training, public information and education initiatives and effectiveness measures. Applications are judged by a team of highway safety professional.

“Each and every department is a winner because they have made their jurisdictions safer for the motoring public” stated Steven Casstevens, Assistant Chief of the Hoffman Estates Police Department and Co-Director of the Traffic Safety Challenge. “Drunk drivers are being taken off the road, people are slowing down, more people are buckling up and fewer people are being injured or killed in traffic crashes and that is our ultimate goal – saving lives” Casstevens said.