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TRAFFIC RELEASE

DATE & TIME 11/30/09 1:05 PM

Bureau: Support Services Bureau

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Incident: Seat Belt Enforcement Details

MESSAGE

During the Thanksgiving Holiday period, the Rockford Police Department conducted grant funded Seat Belt Enforcement Zones for the purpose of increasing compliance with the mandatory occupant protection law and stressing the safe operation of motor vehicles.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has provided the City of Rockford with a "Holiday Mobilization Plus Grant", for 2010. This grant also includes the weeks of Thanksgiving and New Years Eve, 2009.

The Holiday Mobilization Plus Grant provides funding for extra enforcement of serious traffic violations. The enforcement is targeted during periods of high volume traffic or high frequency of vehicle crashes and impaired drivers.

The purpose of the Seat Belt Enforcement Zones is to reduce the amount of property damage loss and physical injury that result in motor vehicle crashes.

During the Thanksgiving Day Holiday period, two Seat Belt Enforcement Zones were conducted on East State Street, from Alpine to Bell School Road.

Total vehicles stopped: 48

Two vehicles were impounded and two individuals were lodged in jail.

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Listed below is a breakdown of the citations issued:

Seat Belt Violations: 35
Registration Violations: 3
Moving Violations: 4
Driver's License Violations: 2
Equipment Violations: 2
Warrant Service: 1

Total arrests and citations: 47

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