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Police marking Distracted Driver Awareness Week

In support of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the Joliet Police Department has partnered with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) and AAA to participate in the Distracted Driving Awareness Week.

Through an effort to bring attention to the dangers and consequences associated with driving distracted, Governor Rauner issued the Proclamation and both Houses passed Resolutions identifying April 24 through April 28 as Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week.

The ILACP, in partnership with AAA, and supported by the Illinois State Police, SafetyServe.com, the National Safety Council, the Illinois Insurance Association, almost 300

law enforcement/fire agencies and supporters from the private sector throughout Illinois, will work together during this week to educate motorists on all aspects of distracted driving. This campaign will also include the enforcement of applicable State distracted driving laws.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):

3,477 people were killed and an estimated 391,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2015. That is a 9-percent increase in fatalities as compared to the previous year.

10 percent of fatal crashes, 15 percent of injury crashes, and 14 percent of all police reported motor vehicle crashes in 2015 were