

[rose] Illinois State Police sent out this press release on Friday: Illinois State Police (ISP) troopers across the state participated in the first-ever “distracted driving awareness week.” During this enforcement campaign, troopers gave special attention to distracted driving, while still enforcing other violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC). The initiative was sponsored by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), in partnership with AAA, and supported by the Illinois State Police, SafetyServe.com, the National Safety Council, the Illinois Insurance Association, and nearly 300 other law enforcement and fire agencies throughout Illinois. A press conference was held at the Illinois State Capitol on April 24 to kick off the campaign. During the enforcement period from April 24-28, ISP Troopers issued 1,146 distracted driving citations and 984 distracted driving warnings. Troopers also issued 3,276 citations for other violations of the IVC and 3,182 written warnings. In addition to the enforcement campaign, the ISP also undertook a large education effort to inform motorists of distracted driving laws. Safety Education Officers (SEOs) throughout the state spent over 160 hours educating the public and motorists on the current laws, penalties, and rules of the road. “I am extremely proud of the enforcement efforts by the ISP. Our officers proudly represented the ISP in this statewide campaign,” said ISP Colonel Tad Williams. “Additionally, our SEOs did a great job educating the motoring public through a number of press conferences, media releases, and multitude of social media contacts,” Williams added.

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