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The Palatine Police Department announces distracted driving enforcement results

**** UPDATE – May 11, 2023 ****

The Palatine Police Department announced it issued 265 citations for handsfree violations in the initial release. The correct number is 263 handsfree violation citations.

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(PALATINE, IL) – The Palatine Police Department announced it issued 265 citations for handsfree law violations, as well as the following, additional arrests and citations during the April Distracted Driving Awareness Month enforcement campaign.

- 1 Felony DUI Arrest
- 109 seat belt citations
- 12 suspended/revoked/no valid driver's licenses arrests
- 26 uninsured motorists
- 71 speeding citations
- 1 warrant arrest
- Two Child safety seat citations

"We strongly enforce traffic laws for one reason – to save lives," said Palatine Police Commander David Brandwein. "This increased enforcement was implemented to help motorists avoid the often-deadly consequences of distracted driving with a simple reminder: Drop it and drive."

The Palatine Police Department joined forces with the Illinois State Police, local law enforcement and highway safety partners for this enforcement effort.

The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.



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