



Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists

Woodfield Grove, Suite 131
(847) 240-0027
Fax (847) 240-0028

870 East Higgins Road

Schaumburg, IL 60173
Toll free (888) 240-0027
www.aaim1.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information contact:

Rita Kreslin
(847) 240-0027

CAROL STREAM AND ROCKFORD TIE FOR MOST DUI ARRESTS

PEORIA HAS REMARKABLE INCREASE IN DUI ARRESTS

Schaumburg, June 28, 2016: DUI arrests and other law enforcement efforts are the most significant deterrents to impaired driving. The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) is pleased to release the results of our Annual Illinois DUI Arrest Survey for 2015. AAIM has conducted this survey, which is funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, for 26 years.

Since 1990, AAIM has conducted an annual survey of Illinois police departments to determine how many DUI arrests they make and to give recognition to the most productive departments and police officers. Nearly 700 police agencies were surveyed with 81% responding. AAIM not only praises these departments and individual officers, but we also continue to encourage them to keep up the fight against drunk driving.

The Carol Stream and Rockford Police Departments are first in the state in DUI arrests among municipal departments with 464 arrests for 2015. (Because of its size, Chicago is in its own category.) Both of these departments have consistently ranked within the top eight departments in AAIM's survey since 2007. "The men and women of this department work extremely hard arresting offenders that present a danger to all the people within the community. I am very proud to work with people dedicated to making the lives of all of our residents a little safer," states Carol Stream Police Chief Ed Sailer.

Page 2 – AAIM DUI Survey

In 2015, Decatur was second with 405 arrests, Springfield (385), Naperville (369), Peoria (309), Normal (306), Cicero (300), Elgin (271), Aurora (253) and Fairview Heights (231). “Over the last three decades, progress has been made to help eliminate the devastation caused by impaired driving in Illinois. While frustratingly slow, many lives have been saved,” said Rita Kreslin, Executive Director of AAIM. “Focused efforts and cooperation of law enforcement agencies, traffic safety advocates and communities have helped to prevent crashes and save thousands of lives.”

The biggest increase in arrests among the top departments was in Peoria (83.9%) where DUI arrests jumped significantly in 2015 compared to 2014. Other municipalities with increases from 2014 to 2015 are Carol Stream (31.8%), Rockford (20.8%), Elgin (18.9%), Cicero (17.6%), Fairview Heights (15.5%), Normal (14.6%), Aurora (12.4%) and Berwyn (11.4%)

The highest DUI arrest rate in the state among departments making at least 200 arrests was Carol Stream, which had 7.61 arrests per sworn officer. Since 2007, Carol Stream has been one of the top three departments in DUI arrests per officer. This small department continues their significant impact in saving lives. The second highest rate of 5.25 was in Fairview Heights. Arrests per officer are an indicator of a department’s emphasis on DUI enforcement and are a measure that can be used to compare smaller departments.

Arrests made by the Chicago Police decreased minimally by 0.2% in 2015 (3315) compared to 2014 (3,321), Illinois State Police arrests increased by 13.88% in 2015 (6,584) compared to 2014 (5,784). The sheriff’s department reporting the most DUI arrests was Lake County (367), while Cook (331), Winnebago (278), Will (205) and Champaign (204) Counties round out the top five sheriff departments.

Illinois State Police Trooper Eric David was Illinois’ Top Cop with 310 DUI arrests. AAIM also commends the life-saving efforts of Chicago Police Officer Timothy Walter, who arrested 232 drunk drivers, and Chicago Police Officer Elliot Tupayachi, who arrested 226 drunk drivers.

Page 3 – AAIM DUI Survey

“AAIM has great respect for all these officers and departments for their aggressive DUI enforcement. We are grateful for their willingness to put forth the extra effort in removing drunk drivers from our roads,” said Kreslin.

“While the progress is encouraging, the battle to eliminate impaired driving is far from over. With cannabis use now in the spotlight, AAIM’s concern is driver performance and traffic safety. The complex problem of reducing impaired driving has many facets, including law enforcement training, public awareness strategies, proper prosecution and adjudication to help prevent the senselessness of impaired motor vehicle crashes.” said Kreslin

AAIM is an Illinois-only citizen activist group founded in 1982 by victims of drunk driving. Prevention, victim advocacy, and legislation encompass the mission of AAIM, a recognized Illinois expert on these issues. The survey provides a valuable service to Illinois citizens by encouraging them to compare the DUI enforcement record of their local police department with that of other communities. As a result, public pressure can be applied, where needed, to encourage DUI enforcement as a priority.

A detailed listing of survey results and participating departments is available at:

www.aaim1.org

Questions? – email: anita@aaim1.org

###