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**QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWS RELEASE**

***MONTHLY TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT***

**DATE:** July 6, 2012  
**TO:** All News Media  
**FROM:** Chief Rob Copley  
**RE:** July 4<sup>th</sup> STEP Traffic Enforcement Detail

The Quincy Police Department participated in a STEP Traffic Enforcement detail as part of a grant provided through the Illinois Department of Transportation from June 22 through July 3, 2012. During this time, officers dedicated approximately 186 hours of patrol to this detail, working the day time hours and evening/overnight hours, specifically targeting driving while impaired, speeding, seatbelt, and other moving violations. Citations were issued for the following offenses:

Offense	# of Citations
Child Restraint	1
Consumption of Liquor by Minor	1
Disobeying a Traffic Control Device	1
Driving while Suspended	2
Driving without Headlights when Required	1
DUI	4
Expired Driver's License	1
Expired Registration	1
Failure to Dim Headlights	1
Failure to Signal	1
Illegal Transportation of Alcohol	1
No Insurance	11
No Rear Registration Plate Light	1
No Seatbelt	15
No Valid Driver's License	3
Obstructing Justice	2
Possession of Cannabis	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2
Speeding	69
Suspended Registration for Non-Insurance	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>

The primary focus of this grant is to reduce alcohol and speed related accidents and reduce the severity and number of injuries. During this enforcement period, the average speed per citation issued was 14.07 mph over the posted speed limit. The highest speed was 22 mph over the posted limit, with the lowest speed being 10 mph over the limit. There were 73 warning tickets issued and three warrants.

The United States Department of Transportation recently released updated 2009 fatality and injury data showing that highway deaths fell to 33,808 for 2009, the lowest number since 1950. The record-breaking decline in traffic fatalities occurred even while estimated vehicle miles traveled in 2009 increased by 0.2 percent over 2008 levels. In addition, 2009 saw the lowest fatality and injury rates ever recorded: 1.13 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2009, compared to 1.26 deaths for 2008. Also, fatalities declined in all categories of vehicles including motorcycles, which saw fatalities fall by 850 from 2008, breaking an 11-year cycle of annual increases.

The information provided by the Department of Transportation reinforces the Quincy Police Department's dedication to traffic safety. The department applied for and was awarded additional grant monies for the fiscal year of October 2011-September 2012 to conduct further traffic safety details. These details will continue throughout the coming year, concentrating again on impaired driving, speeding, and seatbelt offenses.

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