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**QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEWS RELEASE**

MONTHLY TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

DATE: April 3, 2013
TO: All News Media
FROM: Deputy Chief Curt Kelty
RE: **March 2013 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 March 14 through March 17, 2013. During this time, officers dedicated approximately 42 hours of patrol to this detail, working the daytime hours and evening/overnight hours, specifically targeting driving while impaired, seatbelt, and other moving violations. Citations were issued for the following offenses:

Offense	# of Citations
Curfew Violation	1
Driving while Suspended	4
Driving without Lights when Required	1
DUI	2
Expired Registration	2
Failure to Signal when Required	1
Illegal Transportation of Alcohol	1
Improper Display of Registration	1
No Insurance	3
No Seatbelt	41
No Valid Driver's License	1
Possession of Cannabis	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Total Citations	60

The primary focus of this grant is to reduce alcohol related accidents and failure to wear seatbelt incidents. There were 21 warning tickets issued and two warrant arrests.

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 grant monies for the fiscal year of October 2012-September 2013 to conduct traffic safety details. .

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