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Clamping Down on Summer Speeds

Deputies Issue 320 Citations for Motor Vehicle Violations This Week
SLOW DOWN – DRIVE SOBER – STAY ALIVE



Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff Richard Schmidt noted the tendency for motorists to increase speeds in warm weather. The random saturation patrols on the freeway will continue to clamp down on reckless driving and dangerously high speeding.

Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial kick off to summer travel, and motorists need to be aware of motorcycles, campers and boat trailers on the freeway. Following the speed limit helps keep the freeway safer for all motorists.

Sheriff Schmidt said, "Dangerous, reckless driving with excessive speeds resulted in over 200 citations just during the saturation patrols in the past seven days. The Sheriff's Office is committed to keeping motorists safe this summer with constant patrols. **SLOW DOWN, DRIVE SOBER, STAY ALIVE.**"

Last week, from 05/17/18 to 05/23/18, 320 traffic citations were issued, 205 for speeding:

11-15 mph over:	15	30-34 mph over:	6
16-19 mph over:	58	45-49 mph over:	1
20-24 mph over:	72	Unreasonable-imprudent speed:	15
25-29 mph over:	35		

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YTD Total Citations: 13,659

YTD Total OWI: 331

YTD Total OWI/Drugs: 32

YTD Total Crashes: 1941

The focus of the saturation patrols is to reduce crashes, serious injury and property damage, and is not based on generating revenue. Construction zone safety is also compromised by speeding, reckless drivers. Motorists need to obey Wisconsin's MOVE OVER LAW, moving over a lane for emergency vehicles and tow trucks, or slowing to under 40 mph if unable to safely change lanes.

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