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Speed Saturation Enforcement Nets Hundreds of Violators

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff Richard Schmidt continued with a strong speed saturation enforcement initiative that resulted in traffic stops of hundreds of violators this past week. With construction zones throughout our congested freeway system and the failure of motorists to slow down through our interchanges, a heavy push to stop speeders is necessary for the safety of all on the road.

Sheriff Schmidt implemented the saturation patrols initiative across all shifts last September, and said, “We are seizing every moment to curb the crazy, aggressive and reckless driving on our freeway system.”

From 10/11/18 to 10/17/18, 384 traffic citations were issued, 307 for speeding:

11-15 mph over:	16	30-34 mph over:	2
16-19 mph over:	127	35-39 mph over:	3
20-24 mph over:	112		
25-29 mph over:	25	Unreasonable/Imprudent Speed:	22

Crashes YTD – 3974; 6 fatalities OWI arrests YTD: 695 OWI (75 were OWI/Drugs)

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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