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DUI SATURATION PATROLS – WENTWORTH (2nd) & NEAR WEST (12th) DISTRICTS

The Chicago Police Department is conducting DUI Saturation Patrols in the Wentworth (2nd) and Near West (12th) Districts this weekend. The DUI Saturation Patrol in the Wentworth (2nd) District will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017 and end at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017. The DUI Saturation Patrol in the Near West (12th) District will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017 and end at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 5, 2017.

The purpose of this program is to saturate a pre-designated area with roving police officers that continually monitor vehicular traffic for signs of impaired driving. Patrols also place emphasis on speed, alcohol-related and safety belt violations. Police vehicles equipped for speed detection are deployed to apprehend speeding violators.

In addition, the Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Unit may also be deployed to allow officers to expedite the process of charging a person with Driving under the Influence (DUI) prior to transporting an alleged into the nearest lockup for bonding. The mobile unit also allows for Individual Recognizance Bonds (I-Bonds) to be issued at the site of the DUI Saturation Patrol.

The DUI Saturation Patrol conducted in the Austin (15^{th}) District on January 28 – 29, 2017, resulted in the following:

| Driving Under the Influence | 1 |
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| Unsafe Vehicle Violations | 44 |
| Safety Belt Violations | 8 |
| Driver's License Violations | 9 |
| Insurance Violations | 10 |
| Traffic Violations (Other) | <u>11</u> |
| Total Citations | 83 |
| Other Arrests | 1 – Revoked Driver's License |
| Vehicles Towed | 5 |
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