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Chicago Police Department Has Partnered with Numerous Agencies to Conduct First-Ever Distracted Driving Mission

CHICAGO- On April 24, 2017, the Chicago Police Department partnered with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, AAA, the Illinois State Police, SafetyServe.com, the National Safety Council, the Illinois Insurance Association, supporters from the private sector, and almost 300 law enforcement/fire agencies throughout Illinois, in support of the first-ever Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week and the National Campaign.

Until April 28th, the Chicago Police Department will be conducting *Distracted Driving Missions* all along Lake Shore Drive. The goal of these missions is to educate motorists on all aspects of *Distracted Driving* through strict enforcement for those found to be using a handheld device while operating a motor vehicle. Additional enforcement will also focus on speed violations that go hand and hand with distracted driving.

Distracted Driving Missions are funded by a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

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