ENFORCEMENT

Seasonal Strategies To Keep The Illinois Tollway Safe
Illinois State Police (ISP) District 15 is unique among ISP Patrol Districts in that we are contractually obligated to serve another state entity, the Illinois Tollway. The ISP and the Tollway annually sign an Inter-Governmental Agreement. District 15 is responsible for providing 24-hour patrol coverage on the Tollway and responds to all incidents on the system.
In 2013 District 15 staffing averaged 170 sworn officers.

- Commercial Motor Vehicle Team
- Special Enforcement Team (SET)
- 4 K-9 officers.
- Investigative Unit
- Unified Telecommunications Center handles radio traffic for D-15 patrol vehicles and Tollway maintenance operations.
In 2013, the following activity was generated in District 15.

- Total Crash Reports – 7,579
- Total Traffic Citations – 64,556
- Total Written Warnings – 38,932
- DUI Arrests – 1,255
- Motor Carrier Safety Insp. – 10,056
The Illinois Tollway operates the largest open road tolling system in the nation.

- Traverses 12 Counties
- Four major interstates systems
  - Tri-State (I-94/I-294)
  - Reagan Memorial (I-88)
  - Jane Addams Memorial (I-90)
  - Veterans Memorial (I-355)
Covers a total of 286 miles of roadway
  - 2,046 lane miles
24 Mainline Toll Plazas
50 Ramp Plazas
7 Oases
An average of 1.4 million vehicles utilize the system daily.
ISP ENFORCEMENT EMPHASIS

FATAL FOUR VIOLATIONS

- Driving Under the Influence
- Speeding
- Occupant Restraint
- Improper Lane Usage
- Following too Closely
- Distracted Driving
ENFORCEMENT SEASONS

WINTER

SUMMER/ CONSTRUCTION
SEASONAL CONSIDERATIONS

WINTER
Winter season traditionally causes law enforcement to become more reactive.

- Extreme Snow/ Cold temperatures result in more crashes and motorist aid.
- Snow/ Ice covered roads can result in dangerous situations for officers making traffic stops.
- Shoulders of the roadway may not be cleared limiting safe locations to stop vehicles.

SUMMER/CONSTRUCTION
Summer season allows for more proactive enforcement efforts.

- Motorist drive more aggressively
- Higher alcohol consumption/ transportation
- Construction Zones
- More vehicles on the roads

SEASONAL CONSIDERATIONS
Driving Under the Influence enforcement is always a high priority for the ISP.

- Open Alcohol Details
- Roadside Safety Checks
  - Ramp Toll Plazas
  - Roadway maintenance
- Directed Patrols based on special events.
A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES AND TOOLS ARE UTILIZED IN D-15 TO GAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPEED LAWS

- DIRECTED PATROLS
- AIRSPEED
- LASER
- MULTI-DIRECTION MOVING RADAR
- VASCAR
- CATCH CAR

ENFORCING SPEED LAWS
CATCH CAR SPEED DETAIL UTILIZING AN OASIS AS THE OBSERVATION POINT.
CONSTRUCTION ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT
OCCUPANT RESTRAINT ENFORCEMENT
DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT

HANDS-FREE REQUIRED FOR CELLPHONE USE EFFECTIVE 01/01/14
- PURCHASED 5 UNMARKED SUV PATROL VEHICLES TO PROVIDE A BETTER VANTAGE POINT FOR OFFICERS TO OBSERVE TEXTING/ CELLPHONE USE.

- IMPLEMENTING THE USE OF MARKED CARS IN VARIOUS COLORS.

- TOLLWAY IS ASSISTING IN PUBLIC AWARENESS THROUGH THE USE OF DMS SIGNAGE AND MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS.
- Traffic Operations Safety Committee meets monthly. Includes:
  - Tollway Engineering/ Consultants
  - Roadway Maintenance
  - D-15 Crash Reconstruction Officer
  - A representative from each of our patrol zones
- D-15 representative attends meetings regarding construction projects.
- Roadway Maintenance makes a presentation during the orientation for new probationary Troopers when they report to the District.
- Tollway consultants provide D-15 with data and maps to identify problem areas to help us determine the most efficient and effective locations to deploy our resources.
  - High Total and Injury Crash Areas
  - High Speed Area
  - Areas with significant increases in vehicle’s average speeds.
TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT CENTER

- Snow Event Operations
- Traffic Flow Monitoring
- Information Confirmation (cc camera)
- Resource Coordination
- Special Event Coordination
- D-15 State Police Operations can access cameras system-wide
The goal of District 15 and the Illinois Toll Authority is to provide the safest possible driving environment for its patrons. Both entities are integral partners in achieving this goal. Through extensive collaboration and open communication, we are continually reaching new benchmarks for safety and hope to achieve our ultimate goal of a fatality free Illinois Tollway in the near future.