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**Franklin Park Police Department Receives Safety Grant for Year-Long
Traffic Enforcement Efforts**
*Enforcement Campaign 'Buckling Down'
On Those Not Buckled Up - Day and Night*

The Franklin Park Police Department will be joining hundreds of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across Illinois in the STEP Grant program. It has received a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the sum of \$36,686.00. The traffic grant will allow the Franklin Park Police Department to hire back sworn police officers to provide traffic enforcement for child restraint, seatbelt, speeding, and alcohol related violations.

The traffic grant started on October 1, 2014 and will conclude on September 30, 2015. During this time period there will be different enforcement campaigns which are aimed to help educate drivers who violate Illinois traffic laws. The goal of the program is to reduce the amount of fatal crashes and impaired driving and to persuade everyone to use their seatbelt.

In advance of the heavily traveled Thanksgiving Holiday, starting November 8 through the 30, between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, stepped-up law enforcement activities will take place throughout the Village as the first of the traffic safety campaigns begin. Particular attention will be placed on night time seat belt use and impaired drivers.

Several DUI roadside safety checkpoints in conjunction with several saturation patrols will take place in the early morning hours during this upcoming holiday period. The dates and times, of these checkpoints, are as follows:

Saturday, November 8, 2014 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 20, 2014 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Friday, November 21, 2014 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 22, 2014 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 26, 2014 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Friday, November 28, 2014 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 29, 2014 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.