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Lake in the Hills Police Department Conducts Speed Awareness Campaign

Lake in the Hills, IL - The Lake in the Hills Police Department is taking a proactive approach to promote safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists through both education and enforcement. From July 17th – 27th, the Traffic Unit will be conducting additional patrols to prevent deaths and reduce collisions on roadways due to speeding.

In Illinois during 2017, speed was the reason for 42% of all fatal crashes; that's 462 deaths, or one life every 19 hours. Future deaths are preventable by being aware of speed and understanding how speeding impacts a crash.

In residential areas, speeding can have the following consequences:

- When a pedestrian is hit by a car at 20 MPH there is a 10% likelihood of being killed; at a speed of 30 MPH the percentage increases to a 50% likelihood of being killed.
- The higher the speed at impact, the more severe the injuries sustained.
- 37.9% of speed-related crashes result in injuries.
- When speeding there is a greater chance that other road users will misjudge how fast you are traveling.
- Speeding extends the distance required to stop a vehicle in emergency situations.
- Speeding reduces a driver's ability to navigate safely around curves or objects in the roadway.

Let's all do our part by taking a proactive approach to prevent fatalities and reduce injuries on the roadways by being aware of our speed and obeying the speed limit signs ALL the time. This 10-day mobilization is made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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