

WOODRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Interoffice Memorandum

TO: Peggy Halik, Assistant Village Administrator
FROM: Steve Herron, Chief of Police
DATE: August 9, 2005
RE: **DUI Enforcement Efforts**

DUI efforts currently in place:

- In 2004 Woodridge Police Department participated in a grant funded program that enabled the Police Department to increase the number of officers on patrol at times and locations in which a high incidence of DUI related offenses have occurred. These campaigns are called saturation or roving patrol.
- Along with the enforcement campaign is a public education campaign. Attached is a press release announcing the New Year's DUI enforcement campaign entitled "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed".
- Education piece – press releases, Citizen's Police Academy, Fatal Vision goggles used in D.A.R.E. classes and open houses and other Police Department sponsored events.
- All officers are trained in DUI detection techniques; We currently have 20 breath operators.

Statistics on DUIs:

- **DUI/Zero Tolerance Arrests:**
 - 2000 – 81 arrests
 - 2001 – 75 arrests
 - 2002- 72 arrests
 - 2003 – 94 arrests
 - 2004 – 74 arrests
 - 2005 – 55 arrests to date
- 19/74 DUI arrests in 2004 involved a traffic accident. Of those 19 accidents, 4 involved a personal injury. None of the fatal accidents in 2004 were alcohol related.
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| January – 6 arrests | June – 7 arrests | November – 6 arrests |
| February – 9 arrests | July – 6 arrests | December – 9 arrests |
| March – 4 arrest | August – 2 arrests | |
| April – 6 arrests | September – 5 arrests | |
| May – 5 arrests | October – 9 arrests | |

- The average cost of a roving/saturation patrol campaign is \$1,836.79. The average number of arrests made during a saturation patrol campaign is 2.3. The average cost of a stationary roadblock is \$1,877.03. The average number of arrests made during a roadblock is 0.7. We currently participate in saturation patrols through grants and during national campaign periods. This enforcement option leads to more arrests at less cost than a stationary roadblock.

Woodridge's DUI enforcement efforts and other communities programs:

Community	DUI's per year	Type of Enforcement	Traffic Unit?	Performance Standard?
Lisle	140	1. Roadside Checkpoint (1x per year) 2. Saturation Patrol/hireback	No	No
Downers Grove	250-300 average	1. Saturation patrols (grant funded)	Yes	Grant dictated
Darien	100+	1. Roadside Checkpoint 2. Routine traffic enforcement	No	Yes
Lemont	30-40	1. Roadside Checkpoint 2. Saturation patrols	No	No
Willowbrook	65-70	1. Roadside Checkpoints 2. Used to have a "DUI car" – no longer have that	No	No
Bolingbrook	86 to date 2005	1. Roadside Checkpoints 2. No hire back saturation patrols	Yes	No
Woodridge	74 in 2004	1. Saturation patrols 2. Routine traffic	No	No

Most communities are conducting Roadside Safety Checkpoints, though many communities have stopped or reduced this program due to lawsuits. We have discussed grant opportunities with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Roadside Checkpoint funding. We will pursue these funding opportunities. We are already conducting saturation patrols, as most neighboring communities currently do. As you can see, communities with a traffic unit have a higher number of DUI arrests.

New initiatives in the coming year:

- Due to staffing issues, we are unable to devote 2 full time officers to traffic enforcement, as we had stated we would be doing in 2004 and 2005. However, we intend to continue to pursue DUI enforcement efforts utilizing all officers in the department. We have just completed an application to IDOT requesting \$35,000 in grant funds to support saturation patrols in what IDOT has identified as high traffic and high incident times of the year. If approved, we will participate in these events by hiring back officers (paid for by the grant) to specifically search out drunk drivers.
- Increase our public education efforts with the community on recognizing and reporting suspected drunk drivers. When a resident observes a vehicle driving erratically, it is extremely helpful to Police if that person calls 911 immediately from a cellular phone and provides details to the dispatcher. Though public relations and crime prevention, we can work with the public to identify drunk drivers.
- Beginning with January 2005, we will track details related to DUI arrests to better identify enforcement locations, times and identify potential problem areas. This information will be given to the Patrol Division to direct patrol appropriately.