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Law enforcement steps up efforts targeting distracted drivers

Stickney, IL — The Stickney Police Department today released the results of its Distracted Driving enhanced traffic enforcement efforts conducted between Apr. 1st 2026 and May. 1st, 2026, designed to reduce crashes and save lives on Illinois roadways.

During the STEP enforcement period, **officers** issued a total of Thirty-four (**34**) citations. The breakdown includes:

- (1) speeding citations
- (1) occupant restraint citations
- (29) electronic device use citations
- (1) No Insurances
- (2) other traffic citations

“The goal of this enforcement was to make our roads safer for everyone,” said **Deputy Chief Cruz Ortiz Jr.** “By targeting the leading causes of crashes, we aimed to save lives and send a clear message that unsafe driving will not be tolerated.”

The STEP grant was funded with federal highway safety funds and administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of a statewide effort to improve traffic safety and reduce fatalities.