

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 5, 2018

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
Chief Limey Nargelenas



***Springfield Park District Police Join Forces with Agencies Statewide for
2018 Illinois Speed Awareness Day Campaign***

Springfield Park District, IL – During Illinois Speed Awareness Day this July 25th, the **Springfield Park District PD** is taking a proactive approach to promote safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists through both education and enforcement. In Illinois during 2016, speed was the reason for 34.2% of all fatal crashes. That’s 369 deaths for the year, or one life every 23.7 hours. These lives can be easily saved by being aware of our speed and understanding how speeding impacts a crash.

In urban areas, speeding can have the following consequences:

- The higher the speed at impact, the more severe the injuries sustained.
- 37.8% of the total injury crashes are speed-related.
- 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.
- A 1% decrease in travel speed reduces injuries by about 2%, a serious crash by 3% & a fatal crash by 4%.

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. If you would like more information about Illinois Speed Awareness Day, please visit www.illinoisspeedawarenessday.org.

AUTHORITY: Chief Limey

Nargelenas _____