



SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

"TO PROTECT AND SERVE IN OUR PARKS"



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With April being designated as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month the Springfield Park District Police Department announces that it will be actively participating in Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week April 22-27, 2019, along with other Police Departments located throughout Sangamon County and the State of Illinois. The Springfield Park District will be working alongside other Police agencies during this week to educate motorists on all aspects of distracted driving. This campaign will also include the enforcement of all applicable state distracted driving laws. This enforcement effort will also include the "move over" or Scott's Law violations. We remind you that within Spring comes more pedestrian and motor vehicle activity in the parks.

Just during March 2019, the Springfield Park District had six motor vehicle crashes with two of the accidents involving personal injuries. Also, of those six accidents, four of the accidents had elements of distracted driving.

During this Spring, to insure the safety of the motoring public and pedestrians in and around our parks, the Springfield Park District PD will actively enforce the Illinois Vehicle Code and Park Ordinances. Remember Illinois law prohibits the use of handheld electronic devices for any purpose, including talking, texting or using apps. And drivers under 19 are prohibited from using any electronic device – even handsfree.

Please address any questions by calling the Chief of Police Laimutis "Limey" Nargelenas at (217) 693-6030 or email at lnargelenas@springfieldparks.org.