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Railroad Grade Crossing Enforcement Results

Plainfield, IL – In conjunction with the CN Railroad Police and the Union Pacific Railroad Police, the Plainfield Police Department conducted an enforcement detail at the railroad grade crossing located on Route 126 east of Route 59 on April 28th. This enforcement detail is part of the aforementioned department's sustained enforcement efforts to achieve greater compliance to laws associated with railroad grade crossings and railroad property with the ultimate goal of saving lives.

The focus of the enforcement was to cite drivers that disobeyed activated railroad signals, stopped their vehicle within the railroad grade crossing, or failed to stop when driving a vehicle required to stop, such as a school bus. In addition, pedestrians who trespassed on the railroad right of way were also cited for trespassing. During the detail, the following citations and written warnings were issued:

- 17 citations for stopping within railroad grade crossing
- 2 citations for Driving While License Suspended
- 1 citation for failing to stop as required (passenger bus for hire)
- 1 citation for no insurance
- 2 written warnings to juveniles for trespass to railroad property

Please remember, not only is it against the law to stop your vehicle on the railroad tracks, it is against the law to stop your vehicle anywhere within the highway-rail grade crossing. Highway-rail grade crossings are typically marked by white stop lines located on the pavement in advance of the crossing, and if not marked by white stop lines, the highway-rail grade crossing extends from protective gate arm to protective gate arm.

Additional enforcement details are planned during the month of May. Avoid a costly citation and/or tragedy by obeying the laws associated with railroad grade crossings as well as being constantly aware of your surroundings!

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