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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE TO CONDUCT OCCUPANT RESTRAINT ENFORCEMENT PATROLS

PONTIAC – Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 5 Commander, Captain Tim Sweeney, announces the ISP will conduct Occupant Restraint Enforcement Patrols (OREP) in Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, Livingston, and McLean counties during May 2026. OREPs allow the ISP to focus on safety belt and child safety seat laws. Illinois law requires all vehicle passengers (front and back) to be buckled up!

Safety belts are still one of the most effective safety devices in vehicles, estimated to save over [14,000](#) lives each year. Nearly [50%](#) of vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not buckled up. The objective of this program is to increase occupant restraint compliance through education, child safety seat inspections, and enforcement.

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