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Kendall County Sheriff’s Office and Oswego Police Department
Partners with the Health Dept for a Roadside Safety Training

On May 12, 2017, the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office and the Oswego Police Department partnered with the Kendall County Health Department for a roadside safety training presentation. Topics included being prepared for weather hazards, traffic pattern awareness, and what to do when being pulled over by an officer during a traffic stop. Your actions during a traffic stop can help make the interaction safe for both you and the deputy. Here are some recommendations for what to do when being stopped:

- Use your turn signal and pull your vehicle over to the roadside or to a safe location. In Illinois, you have the right to proceed to a public place that is well lit before pulling over,
- Remain in your vehicle, unless the deputy directs you to get out and simply comply, it is the law,
- Turn the interior light on if it’s dark outside and roll down your window all the way,
- If you have a special communication needs and have a visor alert card in the vehicle, point to your ear and the visor alert card, so the deputy knows the best way to communicate with you,
- Keep your hands in view, preferably on the steering wheel until instructed otherwise,
- Provide your license, registration, and insurance card, but do not retrieve or reach for these documents until instructed, so the deputy can safely witness your movements,
- Remain civil and answer any questions honestly. Ask any questions you may have based on what the deputy tells you. Obey legal commands from the deputy,
- If you are issued a citation and have questions regarding the citation, ask the deputy. Do not argue with the deputy and do not attempt to have the ticket resolved during the...
Sheriff Baird says “One of the jobs of a deputy is to detect traffic violations and conduct traffic stops. Deputies are trained to take safety precautions for everyone involved during a traffic stop. The goal of a traffic stop is to make the roadways safer for travel.”

Dr. Amaal Tokars added, “This roadside Safety training helped participants be better prepared for weather hazards, dangerous traffic patterns, parking lot safety, surveying the scene, and best practice ways to work with officers of the law at the roadside scene. This educational event was full of considerate communication about things that we might otherwise overlook or take for granted in our busied daily driving. We are fortunate to have such thoughtful leadership in our colleagues at the Kendall County Sheriff’s Office and the Oswego Police Department.”

(Pictured from left to right are: Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Todd Brautigam, Oswego Police Department Sergeant Chris Biggs, Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Sergeant Mark Bunting, Dr. Amaal Tokars and Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Commander Jason Langston).