



Traffic Safety Bulletin

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THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT



Halloween! Just child's play. Friday the 13th! Mere superstition. Two squad cars colliding! Now that's frightening. And, it can happen whenever you're responding to an emergency call or involved in a pursuit. These collisions almost always occur at intersections near the "scene" or close to the pursuit. So use caution and try to listen for the sirens of other responding units, especially those that are on different radio frequencies and are unaware of your exact location. Remember you're not alone out there.

MANDATORY READING. Last month's safety bulletin question regarding mandatory court appearances generated quite a few phone calls to this office. Department members can refer to Special Order 78-36, Addendum 3, issued 9 October 1985, which lists traffic cases requiring mandatory court appearances as prescribed by Rule 551 of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIL LURKS...



Many times the beat officer will find it necessary to drive onto Park District property without ever considering the dangers involved. Tall weeds and leafy piles may conceal objects which can cause undercarriage damage to your vehicle. During the fall, grassy areas are soft and retain moisture. Driving should be confined to paved areas when possible, but if you must drive over the turf, avoid any sudden starts and stops which will cause the vehicle to create a rut and get stuck in the mud.

DEAR SAFETY MAN,

I recently pulled over a truck for a traffic violation and noticed that he didn't have a safety sticker. The truck driver said he didn't need one because the trucking company was regulated by the Interstate Commerce Commission, I've never heard of this, please explain?

We had to do a little digging for the answer, and found it in Department Notice 78-24 which states:

"The Illinois vehicle code, Chapter 95½, Section 13-114, provides that vehicles used in interstate commerce are exempt from state safety inspection requirements, including the requirement of displaying Certificates of Safety, if they meet federal safety requirements. The display of an Interstate Commerce Commission identification number on a vehicle indicates that the vehicle falls within the exemption."

ARE YOU AWARE?

Section 12-610 of the Illinois Vehicle Code prohibits the use of headset receivers, (walk-mans), by drivers when operating a motor vehicle.