



# Traffic Safety Bulletin

We Serve and Protect

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## IF YOU THINK THE INSIDE LOOKS BAD.....



No, this is not a reminder to keep your squad car clean. This vehicle was involved in a serious accident. Now, imagine that your riding in this vehicle and suddenly you feel the impact as your body bounces around the interior like a rubber ball. Obviously you are not wearing your seat belt. If your lucky, the door will not open and your body will not be thrown out, because your chances of being killed can be increased by 25 times. An officer wearing his safety belts in this accident would probably walk away with just a few bruises. Notice how well the driver and passenger areas survived the crash, the seats are upright and there is plenty of head and leg room. Not too bad for a car that rolled over. (See picture on reverse side.)

SEAT BELTS WILL KEEP YOU FROM LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

..... LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE.



STAY IN CONTROL BY STAYING IN YOUR SEAT. WEAR SAFETY BELTS!

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We Get Questions. . . .

Can a passenger in a motor vehicle be charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage?

According to the Illinois Vehicle Code, Section 11-502(b) "no passenger may carry, possess or have any alcoholic liquor within any passenger area of any motor vehicle." NOTE, only alcoholic beverages in the original container with the seal unbroken may be legally transported in the passenger area. Also this law does not apply to passengers of chartered buses or motor homes.

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#### SUPERVISORS CORNER

Supervisors are not completing all three parts of question No. 5 of the Traffic Pursuit Report. If for some reason any question does not apply please explain on the reverse side. If a pursuit is terminated prior to a supervisor being notified or prior to a supervisors' authorization or termination, this should also be noted on the report.

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#### ARE YOU AWARE?

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