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Drive smart: Reduce your speed for:

Forreston – The **Forreston Police Department** today announced it is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across the state in an effort to reduce speeding. Throughout the month of July, motorists can expect increased patrols looking for speeding, as well as other traffic violations.

"Speeding causes unnecessary danger on our roads," said *Police Chief Christopher Thiel*. "Speed greatly reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around another vehicle, a hazardous object or an unexpected curve. Speeding drivers put themselves, their passengers and other motorists at tremendous risk."

During the speeding enforcement blitz, officers will intensify enforcement of posted speed limits.

"Offenders will be stopped and ticketed – especially on Illinois Route 26, Illinois Route 72, White Oak Road and Locust Avenue where most of our speed-related crashes occur," said *Police Chief Christopher Thiel*. "Our goal is to save lives."

The speed enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.