



# Traffic Safety Bulletin

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## STAY ON THE RIGHT TRACK!



The driver of this vehicle avoided a serious collision, when a motorist traveling in the opposite direction turned in front of him. Unfortunately the intersection is surrounded by numerous support pillars, which allowed little room for evasive maneuvers.

Defensive Driving can prevent accidents and save lives. Alertness, foresight, good judgement, and skill are the techniques used by the professional driver.

Don't be railroaded into an accident. **DRIVE DEFENSIVELY!!!**



WE GET QUESTIONS.....

Dear Safety Man, Does the DUI Implied Consent Law apply to unlicensed drivers?

ANSWER: An unlicensed DUI subject should be given the Implied Consent and asked to submit to testing. According to the Illinois Vehicle Code; The Secretary of State may "suspend the privilege which an unlicensed person might have to obtain a drivers license" under Implied Consent.

ARE YOU AWARE?

When a Department Vehicle accident occurs or damage is discovered the driver will:

- a. Prepare a Department Vehicle Accident and Damage Report.
- b. Notify the Motor Maintenance Division Control Board.

NOTE: You must do both. A notification should not be made unless a report is submitted.

SAFETY QUIZ

Which police District had the lowest number of total accieents for the entire year of 1984?

ANSWER: Congratulations to the 16th District, which recorded 43 accidents. At the other end of the scale the District which had the highest total (86) shall remain anonymous.

COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT

"The seat belts in my squad car don't work, so why should I wear them? No matter how hard and fast I pull on the shoulder harness, it won't lock."

As shown by this diagram, the safety belt is attached to a reel with a ratchet mechanism. Under normal conditions the reel is free to move allowing the driver or passenger to move forward comfortably. However, when the car decelerates rapidly in a collision or sudden stop the pendulum moves forward (or backward, if rear ended) causing the bar to engage the ratchet and locking it in place.

If you discover that your seatbelts are not operating properly, contact the Motor Maintenance Division for an inspection.

