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Huntley Police Conduct Construction Zone Enforcement Detail

On Wednesday August 10, 2011 the Huntley Police Department conducted a special traffic enforcement detail on Rt 47 in the construction zone area.

For the past several weeks the Huntley Police Department has noticed an increase in violations pertaining to the use of cellular phone devices in construction zones along Rt 47. The enforcement detail focused on the area of Rt 47 between Main St and Algonquin Rd. This is the area of Rt 47 that currently has the highest volume of construction work occurring. This area has a large volume of heavy construction equipment and construction workers who were either in or near the roadway.

The enforcement detail was a proactive effort to create a safer work environment for the construction crews. Several workers in the area have reported "near misses" with motorists who were distracted by using cell phones while driving through the construction zone on Rt 47. This type of distraction poses a severe threat to the safety of the workers. That and the fact that officers have reported seeing an increase in motorist using cellular phone devices in the construction zone prompted the special detail on Wednesday.

The enforcement campaign lasted 5 hours and resulted in 69 traffic citations being issued to motorist who were using cell phones while traveling through the construction zone. The police department is considering similar future enforcement details.