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THE NUMBER OF EXPRESSWAY SHOOTINGS DOWN FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

Expressway shootings down 23% and injury shootings down 50%

CHICAGO – For the second year, the Illinois State Police (ISP) is reporting a decrease in the number of shootings on Chicago area expressways. At the midway mark for 2023, the Illinois State Police (ISP) is reporting the total number of Chicago area expressway shootings is down 23% compared to this time last year. The number of non-fatal injury expressway shooting in the Chicago area is down 50% compared to this time in 2022.

“The Illinois State Police’s dedication of additional resources has reduced shootings on Chicago area expressways for the second year in a row,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “This year’s reduction in the number of shootings, on top of the decreases we saw last year, shows our actions to reduce violence on the expressway are effective and we will continue tackling shootings head-on to make the expressways safer.”

ISP Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement (SAVE) Unit North and Troop 3 Chicago Patrol statistics for January 1–June 30.

Date	Shootings	Injury Related Shootings	Arrests	Guns Seized	Recovered Vehicles
2023	59	18	794	165	283
2022	77	35	319	199	262
2021	109	61	288	110	89

ISP is using a multifaceted approach to reduce expressway shooting, including increased patrols, strategic violent crime reduction missions, automated license plate readers, and Air Operations.

Earlier this summer, ISP SAVE North and a Statewide Operation Group Fatal 4 team conducted two details in conjunction with ISP Division of Patrol Troops to increase visibility on I-94 and I-290.

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June 21– 24 – Operation Safe Drive

Subjects arrested – 14

Criminal charges – 23

June 27- July 1 – Operation Crime Stopper

Subjects arrested – 10

Criminal charges – 18

Part of stopping crime includes solving crime and ISP Division of Criminal Investigation special agents aggressively pursue all leads in expressway shootings. On June 14, 2023, ISP arrested a Chicago resident in relation to a May 16, 2023 expressway shooting on Interstate 290 near Laramie Avenue where a 27-year-old man was fatally struck by gunfire.

In its ongoing fight to reduce expressway shootings, ISP is faced with several challenges. Victims and witness increasingly are reporting road rage was involved in expressway shootings. ISP's approach to reducing expressway violence will continue to evolve as we address new challenges and implement successful strategies.

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