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Missouri law enforcement officials issued 1,951 speeding citations as part of a six-state speed enforcement blitz conducted throughout the state from July 21 to July 23.

"Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine" was an intensified effort to crack down on speeding in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas and Oklahoma. More than 7,700 speeding tickets were issued in the six states during the three-day enforcement period.

In addition to cracking down on speeding, the effort also resulted in citations for other offenses, such as driving while intoxicated and not wearing seat belts. In Missouri, the results for the "Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine" initiative are as follows:

3,728 Total number of traffic citations issued

316 Total number of seat belt citations issued

1,951 Total number of speed citations issues

2,148 Total number of traffic warnings issued

54 Total DWI arrests and citations

106 Total commercial vehicle citations issued

67 Total commercial vehicle warnings issued

79 Total drug arrests made

213 Felony arrest/other

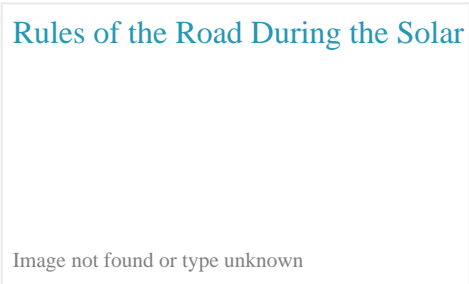

Law enforcement officials reported 180 crashes in Missouri during the blitz, 33 of which were speed related. In addition, there were seven fatalities on Missouri highways during the three-day speeding crackdown, with one occurring on the routes included in the enforcement effort. Interstates 70, 44, 55, 35 were the primary routes targeted in the initiative because that's where most of the state's speed-related crashes occur.

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