

## Office of the Circuit Court Clerk

18th Judicial Circuit Court · DuPage County, Illinois

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Circuit Clerk Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk

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Elijah Verhagen, Legislative Staff Member Representative Peggy Wilson's Office State Capitol Room 406

Re: DuPage County Illinois Electronic Citation Program

To whom it may concern,

Success of the electronic citation program in DuPage can be attributed to the actions of the Circuit Court Clerk, law enforcement, and state legislators whom understand the importance of technology and its benefits. Illinois legislators enacted an electronic citation fee, in order to offset the cost of operating the electronic citation solution.

The Circuit Clerk contracted with Advance Public Safety, a vendor, for an enterprise agreement that enhanced officer safety, improved citation accuracy, reduced time delays, and made the task of issuing citations totally electronic from the squad car to the court case management system. This enterprise agreement allows all DuPage law enforcement agencies, including state police, to participate in the electronic citation program. Innovative initiatives by the clerk have provided low cost solutions to law enforcement for equipment and paper used for violator copies.

This program has enabled officers to quickly create complete and accurate electronic citations while reducing time spent on the roadside. This increases patrol time, strengthens officer, violator and community safety, and significantly adds labor savings benefits to both law enforcement agencies and the clerk.

Additional advantages of mandatory compliance with the rules of court, scheduling, state statutes, municipal ordinances, and validation rules, make electronic citations a rewarding successful program for government and the citizens they serve.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Chris Kachiroubas Clerk of the Circuit Court