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## **IDOT PICKS WINNERS OF SIGN CONTEST**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation is recognizing six members of the public for their creative ideas to improve safety as part of the department’s digital message sign contest. More than 1,400 entries were submitted in six categories.

“Millions of drivers see our digital signs each year, so they are an important tool for heightened safety awareness on our roads,” said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “With more than 1,000 traffic fatalities last year, the public’s messages could be the difference between life and death.”

The six winners will receive a decorative, personalized street sign. Their messages will be in rotation on approximately 100 overhead dynamic message signs statewide in 2019.

[See the current digital messages on display in real time.](#)

**Winners:**

PUT DOWN THE PHONE AND NOBODY GETS HURT	Leanne Harbour	Category: Distracted Driving
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ONLY THE CASSEROLE SHOULD BE BAKED DON'T DRIVE HIGH	Grant Mitchell	Category: Impaired Driving
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YOU LOOK SO CUTE IN THAT SEATBELT	Audra Noyes	Category: Occupant Restraint
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DASHING THRU  
THE SNOW?  
SLOW DOWN!

John Shukites

Category: Speeding

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DRIVE LIKE YOUR  
FAMILY IS IN THE  
NEXT CAR

Gene Larkin

Category: Vulnerable Users

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SOMEONE I LOVE  
WORKS ON ROADS  
SLOW IN THE ZONE!

Lisa Hansen

Category: Work Zone

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The digital sign contest was a component of IDOT's comprehensive multimedia campaign, Life or Death Illinois, which highlights the incredible responsibility of each driver to make good decisions to keep our roads safe and to decrease the number of lives lost each year.

Visit [lifeordeathillinois.com](http://lifeordeathillinois.com) for more information.

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