



**DUI Memorial Marker Application**

**1. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to victim: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. CRASH INFORMATION**

Location of Crash: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Crash: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Investigating Law Enforcement Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of driver determined to be DUI: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attach copy of crash report and/or other official documentation showing proof of DUI. Note: See (d) on reverse of this form.

**3. VICTIM INFORMATION (Only list the victims that are related to the applicant)**

Clearly write name(s) of the victim(s) the way they are to appear on the Commemorative Plaque(s). Note: See (e) on reverse of this form.

Victim's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Victim's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Initial here if you wish to have only the DUI Sign installed without a plaque:* \_\_\_\_\_

**4. CERTIFICATION**

I have read and understand the information given on the back of this form and certify that the answers I have provided are correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have contacted the other immediate family members of the deceased victim and, to the best of my knowledge, no relative of the deceased victim will object to the placement of the memorial. I understand that, if approved, I will be billed \$150 for the Memorial Sign and \$50 each for every Commemorative Plaque containing the name of a victim listed in 3 above **(PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY UNTIL SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED)**.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mail application to: Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways  
 Attn: Roadside Memorial Coordinator  
 69 W. Washington St., 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 Chicago, IL 60602

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ By: : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location of Marker: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks (If denied, state reason): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Billed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Payment Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Sign Installed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sign Removed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Cook County DUI Memorial Sign Program

- a) This application is to be used only for fatal DUI crashes which occurred on highways under the jurisdiction and maintenance of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“the Department”) for crashes occurring on or after January 1, 1990.
- b) The applicant must be an immediate relative of the victim(s) listed in Section 3 on the reverse including spouse, child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, sibling, or a person with whom the deceased was in a civil union or domestic partnership as recognized by a State or local law or ordinance.
- c) The request will be denied if any immediate relative of any decedent involved in the crash objects in writing to the placement of the DUI Memorial Marker or Commemorative Plaque.
- d) Documentation showing the proof that driver was DUI at the time of the crash may include but is not limited to: police/crash reports, official eyewitness reports, newspaper articles, documents and/or letters from the state’s Attorney’s office, court system records, or department of corrections documentation.
- e) A DUI Memorial Marker and/or Commemorative Plaque will not be installed for a deceased driver involved in a fatal crash who is shown by toxicology reports to have been in violation of State DUI law unless the immediate relatives of any other victim(s) killed in the crash consent in writing to the erection of the memorial. If this is the case, please attach signed approval letters.
- f) A DUI Memorial Marker consists of a DUI Memorial Sign and any Commemorative Plaque(s). The DUI Memorial Sign is 36-inches wide by 24-inches tall with the words “Don’t Drive Under the Influence” in white lettering on a blue background. It may be supplemented by one or more 36-inch wide by 18-inch tall Commemorative Plaques mounted underneath with the legend “IN MEMORY OF (Name)” and the date of the crash. A separate Commemorative Plaque will be used for each victim. The lettering on both the sign and the plaque(s) is white on a blue background. If the applicant wishes to have a DUI Memorial Marker installed without a Commemorative Plaque, this should be noted under Section 3 on the reverse.
- g) A one-time fee of \$150 for each DUI Memorial Sign installed and \$50 for each Commemorative Plaque installed will be charged to offset the cost of this program. **The fees will be billed at the time the application is approved by the Department and are not to be submitted until specifically requested.** Once the fee is paid for a DUI Memorial Sign or Commemorative Plaques and they are installed, they will be maintained for a 2-year period without any additional cost, at which time they will be removed and the plaque(s) given to the applicant(s).
- h) The Department has the right to install a DUI Memorial Marker at a location other than the location of the crash or to relocate a marker due to restricted room, property owner complaints, interference with essential traffic control devices, safety concerns, or other restrictions. Markers will also not be installed adjacent to the main lanes on Interstate highways or other freeways or within the corporate limits of any municipality unless the municipality consents. In such cases, the Department will discuss an alternate location with the applicant(s).
- i) The applicant agrees not to place or encourage the placement of flowers, pictures, or other items at the crash site or modify the DUI Memorial Marker or Commemorative Plaque(s) in any way.
- j) Mail application to: Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, Attn: Roadside Memorial Coordinator, 69 W. Washington St., 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60602.



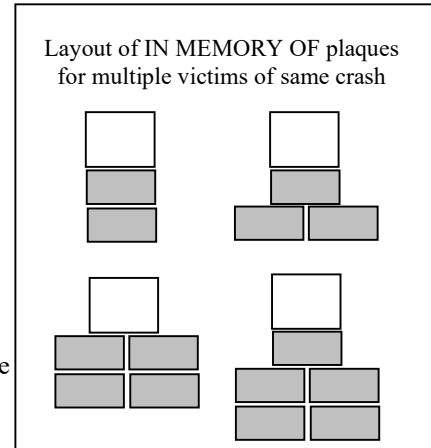
**I1-I108c**

Top panel white text on blue background  
36" x 24"  
5" letters



**I1-I108**

Lower panel(s) white text on blue background  
36" x 18"  
3" letters "IN MEMORY OF" and date  
4" letters Name



The purpose of the DUI Memorial Sign program is to memorialize deceased victims of crashes caused by drivers found to be under the influence of alcohol, or other drug or intoxicating compound, as well as to raise the public awareness of the consequences of driving while impaired.

The memorial consists of a 36" wide by 24" tall white on blue sign with the legend "Don't Drive Under the Influence". Below this will be a 36" wide by 18" tall white on blue plaque with the legend IN MEMORY OF and the name of the deceased followed by the date of the crash.

An immediate relative of a deceased victim of a crash caused by a driver found to be under the influence of alcohol, or other drug or intoxicating compound may request a DUI memorial along highways under the jurisdiction and maintenance of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways ("the Department") by filling out an official application form and returning it to the Department at the address indicated on the form. AAIM, MADD or other interested groups may assist the immediate relative in obtaining and filling out the form. The crash must have occurred on or after January 1, 1990.

The Department will review the application and, if approved, will return a copy to the immediate relative along with instructions concerning payment of a one-time fee. Payment of the fee cannot be made until the application is approved. Currently, the fee is \$150 for the Don't Drive Under the Influence sign and \$50 for the plaque with the name of the victim and the date of the crash.

The memorial will normally be installed at or near the location of the crash. However, the Department reserves the right to install it at an alternate location due to restricted room, property owner complaints, interference with essential traffic control devices, safety concerns, or other restrictions.

For further information and to request an application form, please contact: Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, Attn: Roadside Memorial Coordinator, 69 W. Washington St., 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60602, or by phone at (312) 603-1601 or e-mail at [HWY.Roadside.Memorial@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:HWY.Roadside.Memorial@cookcountyil.gov).