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WSP Will Have Extra Patrols for the Holidays

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) will have more troopers on the road for the holidays in Pierce and Thurston Counties. Troopers will be looking for impaired drivers, aggressive drivers, speeders, and seatbelt violations.

Troopers are always looking for these violations; however, there will be more troopers on the road to take enforcement. This year WSP is partnering with Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and other city and county law enforcement officers to make sure the citizens of the State of Washington remain safe and are able to enjoy this holiday season. Extra troopers will be out in force, funded by WTSC grants to enforce traffic safety laws and to save lives.

The WSP has also assigned troopers to a special DUI Task Force Team. These troopers are specifically assigned to patrol for drunk and/or drugged drivers from now until the New Year.

The following safety tips can help ensure all motorists enjoy a safe Christmas and New Year:

- Make sure all passengers are buckled up- "Click or Ticket"
- Be responsible, don't drink and drive.
- The time to make the decision to drive should happen BEFORE the first drink; choose a designated driver.
- If you find yourself intoxicated; use public transit, call a cab, ride the bus, or stay where you are at instead of driving home.
- Obey all traffic laws, leave early for holiday trips, be patient in traffic; BE NICE and share the road, and treat other motorists the way you expect to be treated.
- If you are on the road and come across someone who you suspect might be under the influence, or is driving dangerously, immediately call 9-1-1 and report it (if it is safe for you to do so).

DRIVE HAMMERED GET NAILED!

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