Washington State Patrol Prepares for Memorial Day Weekend

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The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is reminding motorists that they will be patrolling the interstate and state routes aggressively enforcing traffic laws with special attention being paid to speed, aggressive driving, seatbelt violations and impaired driving during for the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend.

Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of summer and summer travel. If you are traveling, expect delays due to the heavier than usual traffic volume. Leave yourself plenty of time to make your destination. Ensure your vehicle is ready for the trip by checking your vehicles fluid levels and tires. Make sure your spare tire and jack are in good working order. Have food, water, and a first aid kit, in addition to a communication device in cases where an emergency might arise.

Although Washington State roadways are currently enjoying the lowest fatality rate since 1955, driving a car is still one of the biggest threats to the public’s safety. The three biggest contributors to serious injury and fatality collisions are impaired driving, speed, and lack of seatbelt usage. It is for these reasons that all available troopers will be out looking for these dangerous violations during this holiday weekend.

The WSP wants everyone to do their part this weekend – buckle-up, don’t drink and drive, slow down and share the road.