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Media Release

Saturation Speed Enforcement

The Nevada Department of Public Safety / Highway Patrol Encourage Motorists to Slow Down.

State wide law Enforcement to include the Nevada Highway Patrol will be working around the clock to urge drivers and riders to slow their speed. In an effort to eliminate the recent spike in statewide fatalities, agencies aligned with *Joining Forces* will be focused on enforcing speed limit laws through August 10th.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Fatalities Analysis Reporting System (FARS), Nevada has seen in 10% increase in fatalities to date compared to the same time last year. The same data shows that the increase could have been avoided if motorists had adhered to posted speed limits.

Drivers and Riders should take extra care between the nighttime hours of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. when visibility is decreased and the majority of speed-related fatalities occur. Unlawful speeds increase the potential for loss of vehicle control, reduce the effectiveness of occupant protection equipment, decreases stopping distance in instances of danger, and increases the degree of crash severity leading to more debilitating injuries.

For more information on *Joining Forces* and other statewide traffic safety programs, please visit <http://www.zerofatalitiesnv.com>.

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