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Troopers Remind Residents to “Slow Down” *The Nevada Highway Patrol to Crack Down on Speeding*

Las Vegas, NV – In an effort to save lives, Nevada Highway Patrol is reminding motorists to s-l-o-w d-o-w-n! As part of *Joining Forces*, a statewide law enforcement program, law enforcement agencies throughout Nevada will be working overtime through June 21, 2015, enforcing speed limit laws.

“Speed plays a major factor in serious injuries and especially fatal crashes.” Says Trooper Loy Hixson with the Nevada Highway Patrol. “When the speedometer goes up, so does the possibility of a tragedy occurring should you be involved in a collision. With higher speeds, a driver will need more reaction time and definitely greater braking distance to stay safe.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), speed was a factor in almost a third of passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2013. In addition, most of these crashes occurred during night-time hours, specifically between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Most motorists, however, do not believe speeding is as risky as other behaviors, but according to NHTSA, the consequences of driving too fast include:

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control
- Reduced effectiveness of occupant protection equipment
- Increased stopping distance when the driver perceives a danger
- Increased degree of crash severity leading to more debilitating injuries
- Unexpected economic and psychological implications of a speed-related crash

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