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Media Release

Troopers Step Up Enforcement in Conjunction with I-80 Challenge Scheduled to Run from August 28th-30th

In compiling studies from the last 5 years (2009-2013) it has been determined that August is the deadliest month to be traveling on I-80, with the 5 year average being 92 deaths on I-80 across the Nation. Nevada will be joining forces with all other states that Interstate 80 runs through from California to New Jersey in an attempt to curb motorists and drivers of large trucks and busses who engage in risky driving behavior such as speeding, driving while impaired and not using their seatbelt.

Nevada and the 10 other states participating in this event hope that our extra presence on I-80 will foster safe driving habits resulting in a reduction of excessive speeds, distracted and impaired driving. We will also be focusing on seatbelt usage which ensures that if you do happen to get into a crash, you have the best opportunity possible of keeping both you and the passengers in your vehicle safe.

Nevada Highway Patrol has committed to this event by making sure the shifts covering August 28th through the 30th are fully staffed and are working to keeping those traveling our 410 mile stretch of I-80 safe and crash free.

Nevada Highway Patrol Chief Dennis Osborn will be conducting a Press Conference here at the Nevada Highway Patrol Office located at 357 Hammill Lane on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 27th at 10:00 am</u>. Your attendance would be appreciated in assisting us getting the word out on this very important program.

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