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Law Enforcement Agencies Work to Eliminate Impaired Driving and Riding Fatalities

One of the deadliest and most often committed - yet preventable - of crimes [impaired driving], has become a serious safety epidemic in our state. Impaired drivers have consistently been the most common cause of motor vehicle crashes resulting in injuries and deaths in Nevada. Law enforcement officers statewide will be working to reduce the number of impaired drivers and save lives. The Nevada Highway Patrol will have extra patrols from Aug 31 thru Sept 12, 2016 to boost enforcement efforts and keep impaired drivers and riders off the streets.

Trooper Stuenkel said, "A bad day at work is better than a good day behind bars. We want drivers to enjoy their long weekend by designating a sober driver and not driving impaired."

In efforts to achieve the "Zero Fatalities" goal this holiday season, drivers and riders are encouraged to know the law for blood alcohol levels and to abide by the following guidelines:

- designate a sober driver before drinking;
- use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation if impaired;
- take advantage of local sober ride programs;
- call 911 if a drunk driver is spotted on the road;
- take the keys or assist in making other arrangements for someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired

For resources and laws pertaining to impaired driving and riding, please visit <http://www.zerofatalitiesnv.com/dont-drive-impaired>.