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Law Enforcement Focus In On Aggressive Drivers

Joining Forces Campaign to Focus on Slowing Speeders

Nevada Highway Patrol - More than two dozen law enforcement agencies statewide will be *Joining Forces* to crack down on drivers exceeding speed limits or driving too fast for road conditions from Feb. 19th thru March 7th, 2016.

Speeding is a contributing factor in approximately one-third of fatal crashes on the nation's roadways. Exceeding the speed limit is considered aggressive driving just as weaving in and out of traffic and failing to yield to other motorists.

The Nevada Highway Patrol will be Joining Forces with local agencies in an effort to decrease vehicle speeds on the valleys freeways. During this event if drivers are speeding they should look in their rearview because they will be stopped and given a citation. This event is to help achieve the ultimate goal of "Zero Fatalities" on Nevada's roadways.

On February 19th, 2016 the Nevada Highway Patrol will be "Joining Forces" with multiple agencies conducting speed enforcement on the 215 Beltway from Sahara to Russell and northern 215 Beltway between US95 and IR15.

Most motorists, however, do not believe speeding is as risky as other behaviors, but according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (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

***Joining Forces* enforcement is paid for by Nevada Department of Public Safety - Office of Traffic Safety.**

NHP Public Information Officer's Trooper Buratzuk and Trooper Stuenkel will be available to the media Friday February 19th, 2016.

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