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NHP Joins Forces with CHP

On Friday, March 25, 2016, for the first time, the Nevada Highway Patrol will join forces with the California Highway Patrol to target the highly traveled interstate 15 corridor between California and Las Vegas. It is estimated that on a daily basis, an average of 45,000 vehicles enter Nevada on the IR15 corridor from California, which equates to an average in excess of 16 million vehicles entering every year. This weekend marks the end of Spring Break for Nevada schools and the beginning of spring break for California schools which means both agencies are expecting heavy vehicle traffic during this time period. The goal of both agencies is the safety of our motoring public especially during this time for vacations.

This stretch of interstate 15 was once considered one of the most deadly stretches of highway in the country. With the collaborative efforts of our two agencies we have managed to reduce the number of fatal crashes in this area through enforcement and education.

The two agencies will focus their efforts on speed infractions, the move over law and distracted driving violations. Commuters will be warned with the DMS electronic freeway signs which will flash the message "Move Over or Slow Down for Stopped Emergency Vehicles" as well as "Entering NHP Zero Tolerance Zone" as a reminder to be safe.

The California Highway Patrol will focus their efforts on the California side of Interstate 15 and will include the use of their fix winged aircraft that measures speed from the air.

NHP and CHP will have Troopers/Officers available for ride-alongs with our media partners.

We invite you, our local media partners to join us at the NHP Jean substation located off of interstate 15 at exit 12 in Jean, NV on March 25th at 8:30am for the event briefing, interviews, and ride-alongs.

For further information, you can contact either Trooper Chelsea Stuenkel at 702-469-3882 or Trooper Jason Buratzuk at 702-533-6808.

