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### Extra DUI Patrols During Oktoberfest

**Leavenworth** – The Washington State Patrol (WSP) hopes all Oktoberfest guests enjoy themselves responsibly. During the three-weekend event, our goal remains the same: prevent serious injuries or fatal collisions. To accomplish this extra WSP patrols will be on-duty. Proactive troopers and assistance from citizens reporting erratic driving are keys to success.

Having a designated driver, as always, is a smart way to enjoy yourself without risk of driving under the influence. Find the available bus schedules and taxi services to get you home safe. They are a small price to pay considering the alternative.

The WSP Mobile Impaired Driving Unit (MIDU) will be in town during the event. The MIDU is a self-contained 37-foot motorhome that travels across the state to support all Law Enforcement during Driving Under the Influence Emphases including Oktoberfest. The MIDU is equipped with three breath test instruments and two holding cells to efficiently process impaired drivers, which helps Troopers quickly return to patrol.

If you are impaired by alcohol or drugs, you will be arrested for DUI. If arrested for DUI, you could face up to one year in jail and up to a \$5,000 fine. Your vehicle will be immediately towed and impounded. If you are the registered owner, it will be 12 hours before you can claim your vehicle from a tow company. Please, if you see a driver you believe to be impaired, call 911 with the vehicle's description, direction of travel and license plate number if possible. A quick phone call to 911 may save a life.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!

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