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Homeland Security Division: Summer Traffic Increase

Seattle – With the weather improving and the summer season rapidly approaching, the Washington State Patrol Homeland Security Division would like to remind passengers and communities near ferry terminals of the expected increase in foot, bicycle and vehicle traffic at and near the Washington State Ferry (WSF) Terminals throughout the Puget Sound Region. It is extremely important that everyone work together in order to make the approach to, and passage through, WSF terminals throughout the region as safe as possible.

Troopers will be present at WSF terminals throughout the region in order to increase the safety of passengers sailing aboard WSF vessels. Security measures will include explosive detection K9 screenings of vehicles and facilities as well as Trooper presence onboard vessels and at terminals. If suspicious activity is observed please notify WSP Troopers, WSF personnel, or call 911; if you see something, say something.

Troopers will also assist with traffic control and work with our local and state partners to make the flow of traffic as smooth as possible. Please be mindful of signs noting where ferry lines form and whether the tally system at the Kingston Ferry Terminal is active.

Updates regarding traffic conditions and ferry terminal status can be viewed in real time on the WSDOT app or at WSDOT.WA.GOV. If you observe a line cutter please report the activity to the HERO line at 877-764-HERO (4376). Please do not contact or confront someone you suspect of line cutting or another violation. If you need immediate assistance please dial 911.

The Washington State Patrol Homeland Security Division would like to thank our partners at the Washington State Ferries and the United States Coast Guard for their continued partnership and assistance in ensuring everyone's safe maritime travel throughout the Puget Sound region.

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