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Washington State Patrol Focuses on School Bus Safety

Snohomish County - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Troopers take pride into listening to the concerns of other drivers and come up with plans to fix the issues; a major concern that we're hearing is the dangerous driving behavior around school buses. So, this morning, March 29, 2019, troopers in the north Snohomish County region decided to combine their forces with our Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT), our aviation unit and Commercial Vehicle Division to try and remove as many risky drivers from the roadway as possible. Our area of focus was the Arlington School District bus routes.

In a two hour time frame, there were three separate drivers that failed to stop for the stop paddle on the buses while the children were getting on. One of the three drivers was arrested for Driving While License Suspended (DWLS) and a warrant for a previous Driving Under the Influence arrest. The fine for failing to stop for a school bus stop paddle is \$419.

WSP would like to remind everyone that our priority is to keep our roadways safe! Please always use care and caution around our most valuable assets, our children.



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