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### **'HIVE' patrol results in over 120 traffic stops in four hours**

**BREMERTON** – The Washington State Patrol (WSP), Bremerton Police Department (BPD), Port Orchard Police Department (POPD) and Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) teamed up Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, to reduce injury, serious injury and fatality collisions during a second "High Visibility Enforcement" (HIVE) patrol.

The day long HIVE patrol focused on state Route 16 and state Route 3 near Gorst, with focused efforts during peak collision times. One such peak collision time between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. resulted in more than 120 traffic stops. The traffic stops included 68 drivers contacted for excessive speed, three with suspended licenses and one driver was taken into custody for suspicion of driving under the influence.

WSP data from the past six years identifies the five-mile radius near Gorst as an area with a high volume of collisions, 25 percent of which result in injuries, serious injuries or fatalities. Forty percent of collisions WSP investigates within the area of Gorst occur between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

HIVE patrols focused on collision causing violations, including speed, following distance, impaired driving, distracted driving and aggressive driving behaviors. No reportable collisions, to include injury, serious injury or fatality collisions, were reported during Thursday's HIVE patrol.

A third HIVE patrol is scheduled in the area of state Route 303 on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

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