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Pierce County law enforcement team up for 'HiVE' patrol in Pierce County

TACOMA, Wash. – The Washington State Patrol (WSP) and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department (PCSD) are combining their efforts to reduce serious injury and fatality collisions during a "High Visibility Enforcement" (HiVE) patrol on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022.

This will be the second of four HiVE patrols occurring in conjunction with statewide efforts during the upcoming holiday season. Future patrols include Dec. 17 and Dec. 31.

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) reports Washington state witnessed a 20-year high number of fatality crashes in 2021: 602 collisions resulting 670 tragic deaths. So far, troopers investigated 29 fatality collisions in Pierce County in 2022.

Saturday's daylong HiVE patrol will focus on the area of State Route 7 and State Route 512 with increased enforcement efforts during peak collision times.

The HiVE patrol locations and times are dictated by data collected by each agency. Participating law enforcement agencies utilize an all crimes approach with a focus on collision causing violations including speed, following distance, impaired driving, distracted driving and aggressive driving behaviors.

We would like to remind the motoring public to always wear their seatbelt. Choosing to buckle up is the first step a motorist and their occupants can proactively take to help avoid serious injury or death in the case of a collision.

Follow the WSP social media accounts to learn of the progress of the HiVE efforts.

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