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Pierce County law enforcement team up for 'HiVE' patrol near Tacoma

TACOMA, Wash. – The Washington State Patrol (WSP), Bonney Lake Police Department (BLPD), Puyallup Police Department (PUYPD), and Tacoma Police Department (TPD) are combining their efforts to reduce serious injury and fatality collisions during a “High Visibility Enforcement” (HiVE) patrol Saturday.

This will be the third of four HiVE patrols occurring in conjunction with statewide efforts during the upcoming holiday season. The fourth HiVE patrol will be on Dec. 31, 2022.

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) reports Washington state witnessed a 20-year high number of fatality crashes in 2021. WSP troopers have investigated 31 fatality collisions in Pierce County so far this year.

Saturday’s daylong HIVE patrol will focus on the area of state Route 7 between state Route 512 and state Route 507, with increased enforcement efforts during peak collision times.

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

WSP, BLPD, PUYPD, and TPD 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.

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