



For Immediate Release

Captain Neil Weaver
Government and Media Relations

Date: March 6, 2022

Contact: Trooper Ryan Senger - Spokane

Email: Ryan.Senger@wsp.wa.gov

Phone: (509) 993-2946

Twitter: @wspd4pio

Contact: Trooper Collin Cumaravel – Wenatchee

Email: Collin.Cumavarel@wsp.wa.gov

Phone: (509) 770-3791

Twitter: @wspd6pio

WSU Spring Break Emphasis Patrols

PULLMAN, Wash. – The Washington State Patrol (WSP) will be conducting emphasis patrols starting March 9 through March 19, 2023, as Washington State University (WSU) students travel across the state for Spring Break. District 4 troopers in Spokane, Whitman, and Adams counties and District 6 troopers in Grant and Kittitas counties will be focusing on collision causing violations to include excessive speed, distracted driving, and impaired driving during the emphasis.

Students traveling across the state should prepare for winter travel conditions as winter weather is a possibility. Drivers should consider carrying a small emergency kit with water, food, blankets, winter clothing, and emergency flares. Make sure all the fluids in vehicles are full and the vehicle's battery is in good working order. Good all-season or snow tires, as well as tire chains, are advised and may be required when traveling over the mountain passes.

“Our primary mission is to ensure that everyone enjoys safe travels during Spring Break,” said WSP District 4 Commander Captain Jeff Otis.

Motorists traveling to and from WSU will see an increased WSP presence on state Routes 26 and 195, as well as Interstate 90 through Snoqualmie Pass. We encourage travelers to pay close attention to posted speed limits and to be prepared for changing road and weather conditions. You can find current road and weather conditions on all state highways by going to the website or mobile apps provided by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). WSDOT provides updates on road and weather conditions, including mountain pass updates, to help motorists who are planning on being on area roads.

The WSP, WSU, WSDOT and other state and local officials will be working hard throughout Spring Break to ensure everyone heading to and from Pullman has a safe and enjoyable break. WSP public information officers (PIO's) will be updating information throughout the emphasis using the hashtag **#BeSafeCougs** on Instagram and Twitter.

###