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WSP Plans High Visibility Enforcement Patrols During the Omak Stampede

OKANOGAN COUNTY, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 6 is conducting another High Visibility Enforcement (HiVE) patrol, with the goal of reducing serious injury and fatality collisions.

Our seventh HiVE patrol will take place August 8 to August 11 during the Omak Stampede and will focus on driving behaviors that lead to serious injury and/or fatality collisions. Specifically: Speeding, Aggressive Driving, Use of Electronic Devices, and Bad Passing. Due to half of our fatality collisions in District 6 resulting from unrestrained occupants, seatbelt enforcement will be strictly enforced.

The Omak Stampede started in 1933 and has become one of Okanogan Counties highlights for tourism. We expect thousands of people from all over to attend. The Omak Stampede will include: a concert, PRCA rodeo, world famous Suicide Horse Race, parade, art shows, amusement-carnival, and dancing.

“The Omak Stampede has made a strong name for itself. We want people to come and enjoy the Stampede but make good driving decisions traveling to and from. This will be a good event to have a High Visibility Enforcement patrol”, said WSP Public Information Officer Trooper Jeremy Weber.

WSP HiVE patrols utilize agency data to ensure resources are placed in the right locations at the right time to make the most impact. They also use extra resources to include K-9 troopers, Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT) and allied agencies to focus on their efforts.

Updates on the progress throughout the HiVE patrol will be provided on WSP District 6 social media platforms, including Instagram ([wastatepatrol_d6](https://www.instagram.com/wastatepatrol_d6)) and/or X ([@wspd6pio](https://twitter.com/wspd6pio)).

For questions or interviews, please contact Public Information Officer Trooper Jeremy Weber.

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