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WSP Plans High Visibility Enforcement Patrols During the Omak Stampede

OKANOGAN COUNTY, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 6 will conduct its fourth and final High Visibility Enforcement (HiVE) patrol of 2025 from August 7 to August 10, coinciding with the Omak Stampede. This enforcement effort aims to reduce serious injuries and fatal collisions by targeting high-risk driving behaviors.

This HiVE patrol will focus on violations commonly linked to serious injury and fatal crashes, including speeding, aggressive driving, distracted driving (use of electronic devices), and improper passing. In addition, seatbelt compliance will be strictly enforced, as nearly half of all fatal collisions in District 6 involve unrestrained occupants.

The Omak Stampede, a beloved tradition since 1933, is one of Okanogan County's premier tourist events. This year's festivities are expected to draw thousands of attendees and will feature a PRCA rodeo, the world-famous Suicide Race, a parade, art exhibits, a carnival, and dancing.

"The Omak Stampede is a celebration of Western heritage and strong community spirit in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere," said WSP Public Information Officer Trooper Jeremy Weber. "We encourage everyone to enjoy the event while making safe and responsible choices on the road. The timing and scale of the Stampede make it an ideal opportunity for a focused High Visibility Enforcement effort."

WSP's HiVE patrol strategy leverages data to deploy resources where they can be most effective. The initiative will include support from K-9 units, the Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT), and partner agencies, all working collaboratively to promote road safety.

Progress updates during the HiVE patrol will be shared via WSP District 6's social media platforms on Instagram ([@wastatepatrol_d6](https://www.instagram.com/wastatepatrol_d6)) and X ([@wspdpio](https://twitter.com/wspdpio)).

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