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WSU Thanksgiving Emphasis Patrols

Othello, Ellensburg – The Washington State Patrol (WSP) will be conducting emphasis patrols starting November 20th and running through November 30th. As Washington State University (WSU) students travel across the state for the Thanksgiving holiday break. District 6 troopers in Moses Lake and Ellensburg will be patrolling in Adams, Grant and Kittitas counties, focusing on speeding to include driving too fast for conditions, distracted/impaired driving and other collision-causing violations during the emphasis.

Motorists traveling to and from WSU will see an increased WSP presence on State Routes 26 & 17 as well as Interstate 90 over Snoqualmie Pass. We encourage travelers to pay close attention to posted speed limits and to be prepared for changing road and weather/winter driving 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.

Students traveling across the state should make sure to prepare their vehicles for winter travel conditions. A small emergency kit with water, food, blankets, winter clothing and emergency flares are a good idea. 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. "Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends. Let's all get to where we need to be safe so we can enjoy the holiday", stated WSP District 6 Commander Captain Daniel Richmond.

The WSP, WSU and other state and local officials will be working hard throughout the break to ensure everyone heading to and from Pullman has a safe and enjoyable holiday, #GoCougs.

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

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