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Washington State Patrol Reminds Everyone to Slow Down, Pay Attention, and Drive Sober During Super Bowl Celebrations

OLYMPIA, Wash. – The Washington State Patrol reminds everyone that win or lose, we need to drive responsibly during the Super Bowl festivities.

The last time we won the Super Bowl, our state saw a steep increase in impairment-related collisions and the last time we lost a Super Bowl, we saw an increase in overall collisions and distracted driving incidents.

“Any time the home team is playing for a championship, we get excited and want to show our support,” said WSP Chief John R. Batiste. “But if you are driving to or from a watch party for the big game, you have a big responsibility. Drive safely, pay attention to the road, and for goodness sakes, **NEVER** get behind the wheel if you are in any way impaired!”

The Chief added, “We are going to win this game, and we are all going to enjoy the celebrations **SAFELY**.”

Feel free to share this PSA from local law enforcement with the same message [Don't Drink and Drive During the Superbowl!](#)

PS, if you happen to see a Trooper sporting a Seahawks cap, don't worry, they are not out of uniform. Chief Batiste gave the statewide order allowing that specific uniform adjustment until 5:00 A.M. Monday morning.

GO HAWKS!

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