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WSU Spring Break Emphasis Patrols

Grant and Kittitas – In response to increased traffic and a history of significant collisions associated with students and families traveling from and to the WSU Pullman campus for Spring Break, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) will be conducting emphasis patrols starting Thursday March 12th running through Sunday March 22nd. District 4 troopers in Whitman and Adams counties and District 6 troopers in Grant and Kittitas counties, will be focusing on speeding, distracted/impaired driving, and other collision-causing violations during the emphasis.

Speeding remains a major cause of collisions across the state. District 6 investigated 44 fatality collisions in 2025 and has already investigated 4 fatality collisions in 2026.

Troopers will closely monitor posted speed limits to prevent tragedies from occurring on our roadways. Drivers should pay close attention to all speed limit changes as they travel across the state. Troopers will have zero tolerance for drivers who are found to be impaired while behind the wheel. Also, motorists should not drive distracted. We ask that when you are behind the wheel your focus should be on the safe operation of your vehicle. The WSP's primary mission is to ensure that everyone arrives back at school safely and without incident.

Motorists traveling to and from WSU will see an increased WSP presence on State Routes 26 and 195 as well as Interstate 90 over Snoqualmie Pass.

The WSP, WSU, and other state and local officials will be working hard throughout the year to ensure everyone heading to and from Pullman has a safe and enjoyable trip. **#BeSafeCougs**.

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