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WSP Plans High Visibility Enforcement Patrols During Rhythm & Blues Festival in Winthrop

OKANOGAN COUNTY, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 6 is partnering with the Winthrop Marshal's Office to conduct High Visibility Enforcement (HiVE) patrols, with a shared goal of reducing serious injury and fatality collisions.

Our fifth HiVE patrol, out of a series of eight, will take place July 19 to July 21 and will focus mainly on driving behaviors that lead to serious injury and/or fatality collisions.

"This festival will bring thousands of folks into the Methow valley. We want people to come and enjoy the festival while feeling they're safe," said WSP Public Information Officer Trooper Jeremy Weber.

WSP uses HiVE patrols to 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 other allied agencies to focus on their efforts. "It's not only impaired drivers we are looking for. We are looking for driving behaviors that can put the motoring public at danger," said Lex Lindquist, WSP Okanogan Sergeant.

In addition to aggressive driving behaviors, WSP will also be looking for the use of electronic devices and seatbelt violations.

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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