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WSP plans WSU Traffic Emphasis for Thanksgiving Break

Grant and Adams Counties, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) will be conducting emphasis patrols starting November 21st and running through December 1^{st.} As Washington State University (WSU) students travel across the state for the Thanksgiving holiday break. District 4 troopers in Spokane, Whitman and Adams counties and District 6 troopers in Grant and Kittitas counties will be focusing on violations to include speeding, driving too fast for conditions, distracted/impaired driving and other collision-causing violations during the emphasis.

WSP's Emphasis Patrols utilize agency data to ensure resources are placed in the right locations at the right time to make the most impact. In this case, WSP will be focusing our efforts on State Route 26 between District 4 and District 6.

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.

"With the excitement the holiday break brings, it also can bring dangerous driving decisions," said District 6 Captain Daniel Richmond. "Nothing is more important than family. We want to make sure everyone can enjoy this time with their loved ones at home and not in the hospital."

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.

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

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