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### **Moses Lake Troopers and Multiple Law Enforcement Agencies to Hold Night of 1,000 Stars DUI Emphasis**

**GRANT COUNTY** – The Washington State Patrol (WSP), in partnership with multiple police agencies within Grant County will continue the efforts in combating impaired drivers with their participation in the annual ‘Night of 1,000 Stars DUI Emphasis’ on Saturday, December 14. This one-night event symbolizes the 1,000 badges shining from officers who will concentrate their efforts on stopping drivers who are under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

Troopers, deputies, and officers will hit the streets on December 14 to remove impaired drivers from the roadways of Grant County this holiday season. It is important to remember, it’s not just alcohol causing impairment. It could be cannabis, prescription medication or any other drugs. Officer’s will also be looking for speeding, aggressive drivers or other traffic violations which could lead to serious injury or fatality collisions.

“We will never give up the fight to make our roads safe.”, states Lieutenant Ryan Raymond, WSP South Region District 6. He goes on to say, “Troopers in the greater Moses Lake area have worked very hard this year to help achieve our goal; there have been just under 200 suspected DUI driver’s taken off our roadways so far by our Moses Lake troopers. 5 serious injuries collisions have occurred in Grant County this year including 1 fatality connected to impaired driving. One life lost is too many.”

Washington State Patrol continues to work around the clock in the attempt to remove impaired drivers from the roadway. So far this year, 10,900 DUI contacts have been made by WSP Troopers statewide. We will continue to strive to make Washington roadways the safest in the nation.

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