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Law Enforcement Keeps Busy During Arctic Man

(THE HOODOOS, Alaska) – Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Wildlife Troopers and members of the Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol kept busy at the Arctic Man Ski and Sno-Go Classic this year. During this event, Troopers handled calls for service, provided public outreach and proactive enforcement in an effort to provide a safe environment for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages.

One of the focuses of the enforcement was DUI prevention. DUIs were issued to people operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The DUI law applies to the operation of all motorized vehicles, including snowmachines and four wheelers. Enforcement efforts generated 11 DUIs, more than the previous year.

The Bureau of Highway Patrol, which included six Alaska State Troopers, a Wasilla Police Officer and a Palmer Police Officer, wrote over 200 traffic citations while patrolling roadways both to and from the Arctic Man site Tuesday, April 7 through Sunday, April 12. This also included the Glenn and Richardson highways during the drive to the event on Tuesday and back Sunday.

Meanwhile, Troopers patrolled the parking pad on foot and four wheelers and part of the Hoodoo Mountains surrounding the event on snowmachines. They answered calls for assistance and helped extract two snowmachiners hurt in two separate incidents on Saturday, April 11. AST's Helo 1 medically evacuated one of the injured snowmachiners to Glennallen where he was loaded on to a fixed wing air ambulance and flown from the area.

Reports generated during Arctic Man were:

Driving under the influence: 11
Minor Consuming Alcohol: 5
Minor Operating (a motor vehicle) after Consuming Alcohol: 2
Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance VI: 3
Not having a Valid Operating License: 1
Driving While License is Suspended or otherwise revoked: 1
Driver license violation: 2
Probation Violation: 2
Disorderly Conduct: 1
Theft: 1
Harassment: 1
Disturbance: 3
Public Assist: 2
Medical Assist: 2
Security Check: 2
Search And Rescue operations: 2
Fire call: 1
(snowmachine set on fire)
Transports to Glennallen for remand: 3