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Arctic Man Special Enforcement

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) -- Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Wildlife Troopers will have a strong presence at Arctic Man 2009 from April 8 to April 12. During this event, Troopers will provide public outreach and proactive enforcement. It is our intent to provide a safe environment for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages.

One of the focuses of the enforcement is DUI prevention. Troopers plan to make contact with the public to provide information on DUI laws in hopes of preventing unsafe driving. DUIs can and will be 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. Troopers encourage the public to enjoy the festivities while practicing safety. If you plan on drinking, please park your snowmachine, four wheeler or RV or simply hand your keys off to a sober friend.

This year, the crowd is expected to swell to 15,000 people. Troopers will use snowmachines and four wheelers to patrol the parking pad and part of the Hoo Doo Mountains surrounding the event. Meanwhile, the newly formed Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol will look for aggressive and impaired drivers arriving and leaving Arctic Man. Please remember to buckle up because seatbelts save lives.

For more information regarding Trooper activity during Arctic Man 2009, please contact Beth Ipsen at 269-5654 or 351-5191.

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