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Troopers and Municipal Officers to Hit the Road over Labor Day Holiday Weekend

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – Alaska State Troopers and local law enforcement officers across Alaska will be stepping up traffic enforcement. The Labor Day holiday weekend signifies the beginning of summer's end in Alaska. Increased traffic along the highways is expected as motorists head to the campground spread out across Alaska.

Nearly all law enforcement statewide will increase their presence on the roadways to accommodate the anticipated traffic. Troopers will pull motorists over if they are practicing unsafe driving behaviors such as speeding, erratic driving, failing to use their turn signals, impeding traffic and unsafe lane changes, or failing to slow down or move over when passing emergency vehicles.

Motorists can also be stopped for failing to have operable head lights, tail lights or license plate lights during hours of darkness or fail to drive with their vehicle headlights illuminated as required while driving on the Seward Highway. Labor Day weekend can be used as an opportunity for vehicle owners to take the time to repair vehicle equipment problems before cold temperatures set in and day light significantly diminishes!

AST encourages all motorists to practice safe driving behaviors such as wearing seatbelts. If you are impaired, hand off your keys to a responsible licensed driver or make alternative arrangements. The goal of AST Labor Day Weekend enforcement is to keep all motorists using Alaska's roadways safe!

If you are out enjoying the weekend and you see someone driving impaired, AST asks that you make a REDDI (Report Every Dangerous Driver Immediately) Report to your local law enforcement agency or to your Alaska State Troopers. It is in all of our best interest to keep impaired individuals off the road.

Enjoy the holiday weekend and stay safe.