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### **Fourth of July Traffic Enforcement**

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – The days surrounding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will experience heavy traffic as people spread out across the state to enjoy the festivities. During the enhanced enforcement efforts, troopers and local law enforcement officers will be extra vigilant in their enforcement efforts for motorist demonstrating poor driving behaviors such as speeding, passing in no passing zones and erratic driving, to name a few.

Beginning July 3, 2008 the Alaska State Troopers and local police departments across the state of Alaska will work cooperatively to provide enhanced traffic enforcement during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday celebration. All three teams of the Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol will be out on the roads providing dedicated, focused traffic enforcement as well.

AST encourage all motorist and passengers to buckle up while in a vehicle as law enforcement will actively enforce the state seatbelt laws. The lack of seat belt usages remains a common factor in most fatal collisions. Troopers also caution motorists to keep in mind the four Highway Safety Corridors in Alaska. All traffic fines inside the corridors are double.

Make safety your number one priority as you go out to enjoy the festivities. If you are impaired, whether it be from alcohol or some other substance, designate a responsible driver or to stay put. We would like everyone to enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and to get home safe.