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Troopers Encourage Motorists to Use Headlights

(SEWARD HIGHWAY, Alaska) – This weekend the Alaska State Troopers' Bureau of Highway Patrol Southcentral Team will be patrolling on the Seward Highway. BHP will enforce the state statute requiring all motorists to use headlights at all time while traveling on the roadway, among all other traffic-related laws.

Troopers strongly encourage motorists to use headlights at all times while out on the roads regardless of which stretch of road you are traveling down. Headlights increase your visibility to other motorists and to pedestrians. If you are impaired by alcohol or another substance, do not drive! Find a responsible sober driver or stay put until you are completely sober and no longer impaired.

Troopers also encourage motorists to make sure they are alert and fully awake while driving. Fatigue can set in quickly and can have detrimental affects on a motorist's ability to drive safely. One fatal crash and one major-injury collision occurred on the Seward Highway in the month of July due to drivers falling asleep at the wheel. If you are tired, pull off the road into one of the many rest stops along the highway until you are alert and fully awake.

If you see a motorist practicing unsafe and erratic driving behavior, call local law enforcement or the Alaska State Troopers.

Buckle up and drive safe.

**A recorded version of this press release can be accessed by calling the Alaska State Trooper Media Line at 907-337-9337.