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Focused DUI Enforcement Campaign Complete for 4th of July Enforcement

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – The Fourth of July holiday DUI focused patrol effort concluded yesterday. Alaska State Troopers conducted enhanced patrols on the weekends surrounding 4th of July festivities from June 29th through July 8, 2012 to dissuade motorists from driving impaired. Troopers and local law enforcement agencies encourage motorists to continue making smart choices when getting behind the wheel of a motor vehicle.

During the overall enforcement effort, the Alaska State Troopers issued the following citations and charges:

- 46 misdemeanor DUI arrests and one felony DUI arrest
- 29 drivers charged with driving with a suspended or revoked license
- 223 drivers were contacted that were initially reported as REDDI reports and ultimately determined not to be DUI
- 22 damage-only crashes and one fatal collision were investigated by troopers
- Of the 1491 citations issued, 908 were issued for speeding and 70 were issued for seatbelt or other occupant restraint violations

These focused enforcements are designed to boost public awareness regarding the dangers and potential consequences of impaired driving. The Alaska State Troopers, as well as local law enforcement agencies, believe that high visibility enforcement will deter motorists from getting behind the wheel while impaired. It is the mission of the Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol to bring the number of fatal and major injury collisions down to zero. These focused enforcement efforts are one of the ways AST is combating the issue.

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