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Troopers Continue Anti-DUI Patrols Through the Holidays

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – In an effort to ensure people are safely enjoying the upcoming holidays, Alaska State Troopers will join the hustle and bustle on the highways while looking for impaired motorists. Drinking alcoholic-beverages is often a part of many holiday celebrations, but driving impaired should not be. Although troopers will focus on DUI enforcement, they will also watch for speeding, aggressive driving, distracted driving and people not wearing their seatbelts. The intention of the focused enforcement is to prevent families from dealing with a major-injury or fatal collision on Alaska's roads on what should be a joyous occasion.

The holiday enforcement effort is more than halfway complete. The enhanced patrols will continue through Jan. 1. From the beginning of the campaign on Dec. 12 through Dec. 20, the following has occurred:

- **14** misdemeanor DUI arrests, **0** felony DUI Arrests
- **14** drivers charged with driving with a suspended or revoked license.
- **100** additional drivers contacted who were reported as REDDI reports and ultimately determined not to be DUI
- **85** damage-only crashes, **14** injury crashes and **1** fatal collision were investigated by troopers
- Of the **262** citations issued, **53** were issued for speeding and **11** were issued for seatbelt or other occupant restraint violations

Troopers encourage motorists to make smart choices this season and always have a plan to get home safely. If you consume drugs or alcohol, plan to either stay the night, take a taxi or have a sober driver in charge of operating your vehicle. Regardless of what your ultimate plans are for Christmas and New Year's Eve, troopers encourage you to always practice safe driving behaviors on the roads while traveling to and from your destination. Enjoy the holidays by celebrating safely and responsibly.

The public can help to Report Every Dangerous Driver Immediately by calling 9-1-1.

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