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### **Memorial Day Weekend Enforcement**

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – In an effort to ensure people are enjoying the upcoming holiday weekend safely, Troopers will join the many people hitting the highways and campgrounds around the state. Memorial Day weekend kicks off a summer filled with hiking, camping and fishing, increasing the activity on highways and recreational areas as people spread out across Alaska to enjoy the long weekend. Troopers and local law enforcement agencies are encouraging people to continue making smart choices when getting behind the wheel or handlebars of a motor vehicle or watercraft.

Alaska State Troopers and local law enforcement officers will be looking for motorists demonstrating poor driving behaviors such as speeding, passing in no passing zones and erratic driving, to name a few. Also, troopers will be looking out for motorists not wearing their seatbelts. Two highway safety campaigns are at the heart of these efforts for the enhanced enforcement on highways. Funding for the focused highway enforcement was provided in part by grant sources distributed through the [Alaska Highway Safety Office](#). The national [Click or Ticket initiative](#) ending June 3 boosts law enforcement's efforts to encourage motorists and passengers to buckle up. Also, in response to the increased traffic flow in areas that have had a historically higher number of serious injury and fatal collisions, troopers are stepping up enforcement in the [four safety corridors](#) across the state from now until July 1. The [corridors](#) run from mileposts 87 to 117 of the Seward Highway; mileposts 44.5 to 53 of the Parks Highway; mileposts 83 to 93 of the Sterling Highway; and mileposts 0.6 to 17.2 of Knik-Goose Bay Road. Fines are double in these corridors. Part of this ramped up enforcement includes ensuring motorists are driving with headlights on roads where it's posted to do so. Last summer, these [signs were installed in the four safety corridors](#). Troopers encourage everyone to make safety their number one driving priority. If you are impaired, whether it be from alcohol or some other substance, designate a responsible driver or stay put. Troopers also encourage everyone to Report Every Dangerous Driver Immediately (REDDI) by calling 9-1-1.

Meanwhile, Alaska Wildlife Troopers and Alaska State Troopers will be in the Knik River Public Use Area on all-terrain vehicles and four-wheel drive trucks ensuring people are using the recreational area for its intended uses according to the [Department of Natural Resources KRP Management Plan](#). This enhanced enforcement is funded by DNR to prevent degradation of the resources that draw people to the area. Troopers will enforce [DNR regulations](#) that prohibit activities including burning wood pallets, target shooting in restricted areas, shooting at targets made of unauthorized materials and cutting down trees.