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Independence Day Safety Reminder and Enforcement

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – As Alaskans anticipate the celebrations surrounding the 4th of July, the Alaska State Troopers are reminding everyone to keep safety in mind. Troopers will be out on high-visibility patrols throughout the weekend. It is the mission of the Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol to bring the number of fatal and major injury collisions down to zero. Boosting public awareness regarding the dangers of impaired driving, along with other driver behavior issues, helps to decrease the number fatal and serious injury crashes. Speeding, reckless and aggressive driving, driver inattention and failure to wear seatbelts or use child safety restraints all contribute to injury and death on Alaska's roads. The Alaska State Troopers, as well as local law enforcement agencies, believe that persistent public education will help deter motorists from making poor driving decisions while behind the wheel and help save lives.

Regardless of what your ultimate plans are for the Independence Day celebrations, Troopers encourage you to always practice safe driving behaviors on the roads while traveling to and from your destination. If you consume drugs or alcohol, plan to either stay the night or to have a sober driver take you home. Always have a plan to get home safely.

Troopers also encourage everyone to Report Every Dangerous Driver Immediately by calling 9-1-1.

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