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End of Summer Safety Enforcement Stats

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – Alaska State Troopers, in cooperation with Anchorage, Wasilla and Palmer police departments, focused on fair traffic during a statewide enhanced enforcement that runs through Labor Day weekend. As people enjoyed the last bit of the Alaskan summer, law enforcement across the state hit the roads for high-visibility patrols in an effort to prevent fatal and serious-injury crashes through robust DUI enforcement. Troopers and police officers enhanced patrols on the Glenn Highway in conjunction with the Palmer State Fair which occurred Aug. 22 through Labor Day. In addition to looking for impaired motorists, troopers and police officers contacted motorists not utilizing their seatbelt and aggressive drivers.

Troopers always encourage you to practice safe driving behaviors on the roads while traveling to and from your destination. If you become impaired by 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.

Below are the stats gathered during the enhanced enforcement:

	 Palmer PD*	 Wasilla PD	 Anchorage PD	 Alaska State Troopers**	Total
Misdemeanor DUI Arrests	11	5	95	79	190
Felony DUI Arrests	0	1	2	2	5
Additional drivers who were the subject of REDDI reports and ultimately determined not to be DUI	21	77	This figure was not available at the time of this report.	543	641
Damage only crashes	0	25	358	106	490
Injury crashes	0	2	66	21	89
Fatal crashes	0	0	1	2	3
Total Citations Issued	138	186	1090	1531	2945
Speeding citations	10	6	243	727	986

Seat belt or occupant restraint citations	6	28	16	85	135
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*The above statistics represent only the data accumulated from Palmer Police Officers that worked overtime on the DUI enforcement. It does not include routine traffic enforcement carried out by officers on regular patrol.

** based on statewide activity.

Last year during the same enforcement campaign (Aug. 17- Sept. 3), Alaska State Troopers issued the following citations and charges:

-81 DUI arrests, including 2 felony DUIs.

-60 drivers charged with driving with a suspended or revoked license

-454 additional drivers contacted who were reported as REDDI reports and ultimately determined not to be DUI

-Of the 79 crashes investigated by troopers, 8 people were injured and 0 fatal collisions occurred.

-Of the 1539 citations issued, 785 were issued for speeding and 71 were issued for seatbelt or other occupant restraint violations.