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AST and APD Ramp up Seward Highway Corridor Enforcement 4th of July Weekend

Alaska State Troopers and the Anchorage Police Department are partnering up to provide additional traffic enforcement along the Seward Highway Safety Corridor as a part of the annual high visibility enforcement "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Law Enforcement Officers from both agencies will be focusing on DUI enforcement, traffic violations and reckless drivers. The campaign starts right after midnight on Friday, July 1, 2016 and lasts through 6 am on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

"We know thousands of motorists will be traveling through this area this weekend and we want to make sure everyone gets to their destination safely," said APD Traffic Lt. Duanne Fujimoto. "By combining our resources, we'll have a strong presence during this busy weekend and hopefully an accident-free holiday."

APD and AST held a joint media availability at the State Crime Lab in Anchorage on June 30, 2016.

"By teaming up with APD, we are essentially making the Seward Highway as safe as possible on the traditionally busy weekend," said Lieutenant Kat Shuey, of the Alaska State Troopers. "Having APD assist us with patrolling the Safety Corridor along the Turnagain Arm dramatically increases the law enforcement presence where we need it the most. We hope that the number of police cars on the highway will deter people from getting behind the wheel while impaired and also encourage everyone to keep safety as their top priority."

Regardless of what your ultimate plans are for the holiday weekend, we encourage you to always practice safe driving behaviors when getting behind the wheel or handlebars. Troopers also encourage everyone to Report Every Dangerous Driver Immediately by calling 9-1-1.

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