

## **Media Advisory – March 13, 2009**

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### **Extra patrols put focus on need for traffic safety**

During the week of March 15-21, Snohomish County will join its counterparts in King, Skagit, Island and Whatcom Counties for another of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission's "X-52 Sustained Enforcement" traffic safety emphasis patrols.

The focus of the weeklong event is to educate drivers about unsafe driving behaviors -- especially when related to driving under the influence -- safe speeds and occupant protection.

"Sadly, we had one traffic death and several pedestrian injuries in February," said Tracy McMillan, Snohomish County DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force Coordinator. "With the change in daylight-savings time, St. Patrick's Day activities and the coming of spring, it's time to remind drivers to pay attention to their speed, arrange rides if they plan to celebrate, watch for pedestrians and to always buckle up."

Snohomish County law enforcement agencies will be working together in a multi-jurisdictional, highly visible patrol the week of March 15-21. Patrols will focus on roadways known to have a higher average of traffic crashes.

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