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“Night of 1,000 Stars” focuses on traffic safety

Snohomish County will join its counterparts throughout Washington state Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13, for the 18th annual “Night of 1,000 Stars” traffic safety emphasis patrol.

Local officers will kick off the event at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Everett Police Department’s South Precinct, located at the intersection of Everett Mall Way and West Mall Drive. Media are invited to meet with law enforcement and to schedule ride-alongs during the event.

The primary purpose of this safety patrol is to remove intoxicated drivers from roads. In addition, officers will be on the lookout for people who speed, drive aggressively or violate other traffic laws.

Impaired driving caused by alcohol – or another drug – is a leading cause of motor vehicle deaths. During last year’s “Night of 1,000 Stars,” 201 drivers were removed from Washington roads and arrested for driving under the influence.

Officers in Snohomish County were responsible for the arrest of 22 impaired drivers.

“We are very fortunate in Snohomish County that our law enforcement agencies make traffic safety a high priority every day, but especially during the winter holidays,” said Tracy McMillan, Snohomish County’s DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force Coordinator. “Extra law enforcement officers will be out looking for impaired drivers. If you are going to be out celebrating, arrange for a taxi or a designated driver.”

The “Night of 1,000 Stars” symbolizes the badges that will be worn by the estimated 1,000 officers on duty during this annual emphasis patrol. This is a cooperative effort involving the statewide Community DUI/Traffic Safety Task Forces, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and law enforcement agencies throughout Washington.

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