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County focuses on increased traffic safety

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 8, Snohomish County will join King, Skagit, Island and Whatcom counties for a Washington Traffic Safety Commission's "X-52 Sustained Enforcement" traffic-safety emphasis patrol.

The focus of this weeklong event is to educate drivers about unsafe driving behaviors, especially when related to speed, driving under the influence and occupant protection.

"It is important that drivers realize that speed-related crashes are involved in almost 50 percent of the traffic deaths on Washington roadways," said Tracy McMillan, Snohomish County DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force Coordinator. "Everyone realizes that driving under the influence is the leading cause of traffic deaths, but some don't realize that driving over the posted speed limit can be just as deadly."

During the week, law enforcement agencies will be working together in a multi-jurisdictional, highly visible patrol throughout Snohomish County. Roadways that have shown a higher rate of traffic crashes will be the focus.

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