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Multi-agency 'HIVE' patrol to focus on SR 303, SR 304

BREMERTON – The Washington State Patrol (WSP), Bremerton Police Department (BPD), Port Orchard Police Department (POPD) and the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) are combining efforts for a third "High Visibility Enforcement" (HIVE) patrol tomorrow.

The day long HIVE patrol is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, with a mission of preventing injury, serious injury and fatality collisions along state Route 303 and state Route 304.

HIVE patrol locations and times are dictated by data collected by the WSP. Collision data collected over the past six years identifies the five-mile radius near Gorst as a high volume area, accounting for nearly 35 percent of collisions investigated by WSP troopers in Kitsap County. Twenty-five percent of collisions reported in that area result in injuries, serious injuries or fatalities.

The HIVE patrols last the entire day, with focused efforts during peak collision times. The goal is to conduct 24 HIVE patrols throughout Kitsap County by the end of 2020.

HIVE patrols utilize an all crimes approach, with a focus on collision causing violations including speed, following distance, impaired driving, distracted driving and aggressive driving behaviors. Next week's HIVE patrol will utilize participating agency motorcycle units, narcotics K9 teams and Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). WSP aircraft will also participate, weather permitting.

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