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Multi-agency 'HIVE' patrol Thursday to focus on SR 16, SR 160

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 fourth "High Visibility Enforcement" (HIVE) patrol Thursday, March 12, 2020.

The day long HIVE patrol will focus on state Route 16 near Gorst and state Route 160 (Sedgwick Road) in Port Orchard. The mission is to prevent injury, serious injury and fatality collisions.

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.

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.

The goal is to conduct 24 HIVE patrols throughout Kitsap County by the end of 2020. Future scheduled HIVE patrols include: March 26 (state Route 3), April 9 (state Route 303 and state Route 304) and April 23 (state Route 160 and state Route 16).

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