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Six Fatalities Mar Memorial Day Weekend

This Memorial Day weekend the WSP reported four traffic fatalities and two non-traffic fatalities statewide. This figure is up from 2008 when there were three traffic fatalities.

The Patrol also arrested 320 drivers for DUI; which is down from the 345 arrested last year.

There were no motorcycle fatalities during the Memorial Day weekend.

“Any loss of life from a traffic fatality is tragic,” said WSP Assistant Chief Les Young. “What makes it so tragic is these are easily preventable.”

Washington State Patrol had additional troopers on duty throughout the state focused on aggressive driving, speed, seatbelt, and DUI enforcement.

Traffic Fatalities:

- May 22, 2009 – Linda Harden, age 56, Upper Nile Road, Yakima County
- May 24, 2009 – Anthony McDonald, age 33, State Route 7 near State Route 512, Pierce County
- May 24, 2009 – Jueventino Arredondo, age 45, Emerald Road, Yakima County
- May 24, 2009 – Natalie McLaughlin, age 22, State Route 12, Thurston County

NON-TRAFFIC FATALITY

- May 22, 2009 – (no name released by Lewis County SO) Carr Road, Randall, Lewis County
- May 25, 2009 – Robert Baer, age 67, Liberty Market on State Route 20, Island County

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