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WSP Increasing Patrols for Leavenworth Oktoberfest

The Washington State Patrol will be increasing patrols in the Leavenworth area during this year's Oktoberfest. The WSP has received extra funding from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission that will be used to bring in extra troopers on Friday and Saturday nights during Oktoberfest.

To assist the troopers, the WSP will be bringing their Mobile Impaired Driving Unit (MIDU) to Leavenworth. The (MIDU) is a 36 foot motor home that is equipped with three breath testing instruments, holding facilities, officer work stations and computers. The State Patrols Breath Test Section will have technicians in the (MIDU) to assist the troopers with processing. This will speed up the processing time and allow the troopers to return to patrol faster. Troopers will be focusing on Impaired driving, dangerous speeding, aggressive driving, and occupant restraint violations.

Drivers are reminded that law enforcement has zero tolerance for drivers who choose to drive impaired. Motorists should plan ahead and designate a driver if they plan on drinking. The intent of these emphasis patrols is to save lives, prevent injuries, and make Oktoberfest safe and enjoyable for everyone.

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