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**Annual Night of 1,000 Stars Returns**

Snohomish County – The Washington State Patrol (WSP), in conjunction with several other local agencies, will continue the relentless fight to stop impaired driving on Friday, December 7 for the annual Night of 1,000 Stars. The symbolization of this event is that there will be 1,000 badges protecting the streets in a combined effort to stop any driver that poses a threat to others by driving under the influence.

Our statewide Target Zero Teams have a goal of reducing preventable fatality collisions to zero by the year 2030 and the District 7 Target Zero Team, assembled of five troopers, are well on the way to that goal; these five troopers have arrested 1015 suspected DUI drivers so far this year! On December 7, they will be awarded by the Snohomish County DUI & Target Zero Task Force as Team of the Year for their remarkable efforts in preventing a possible tragedy.

As staggering as these numbers may seem, troopers across Washington State continue to work around the clock in the attempt to remove impaired drivers from the roadway. So far this year, 14,897 DUI contacts have been made by WSP Troopers. Any person that drives impaired is unacceptable! We will continue to strive to make Washington roadways the safest in the nation.

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