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### **2019 Oyster Run in Anacortes**

**Anacortes** - On September 20, 2019 the annual Oyster Run Motorcycle Event returns to Anacortes. The Washington State Patrol (WSP) would like to remind the attendees to have a fun and safe weekend.

WSP will have extra resources in the area to focus on aggressive, impaired and distracted drivers in an effort to prevent any serious injury or fatality collisions. We will also be emphasizing motorcycle safety and would like to remind motorcyclists that lane splitting and driving on the shoulder is illegal.

The Mobile Impaired Driving Unit (MIDU) will be in the area all weekend for any arrests of impaired drivers. The MIDU is a self-contained 36-foot motorhome that has been retrofitted as a mobile DUI processing center and incident command post. The MIDU is equipped with three breath testing instruments, two temporary holding cells, three computer work stations, an incident command computer terminal and a dispatcher console with wireless access to WSP dispatch centers. This is a full service police station on wheels!

Those traveling by car should also be aware of the increase in motorcycle traffic this weekend; not observing a motorcycle is one of the causes of collisions between motorcycles and other vehicles. We are also expecting a significant increase of traffic on the Washington State Ferries (WSF) and would like to remind everyone to be mindful of signage, pedestrians and speed limits at WSF terminals. Also, please do not personally contact line cutters; we encourage motorists to either notify a trooper or WSF personnel. The WSP urges all motorists to pay attention to their surrounding and please drive safe.

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