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## Multiple Agency “Racer” Emphasis Successful Over Labor Day Weekend

**King County:** Over Labor Day Weekend an emphasis took place involving multiple agencies from around King County to address the ongoing issue of vehicle’s congregating to illegally block roadways and street race among other things.

### Participating Agencies

#### *Washington State Patrol Troopers and Aviation Section*

*Federal Way PD*

*Algona PD*

*Auburn PD*

*Kent PD*

*Renton PD*

*Tukwila PD*

*Des Moines PD*

*Seattle PD*

A total of 42 officers/troopers were involved and stayed pretty busy throughout King County. The emphasis activity is detailed below.

#### *Three pursuits*

#### *Two occupied stolen vehicles (Both suspects apprehended)*

#### *At least Eight Reckless Driving Arrests (WSP alone with additional by other agencies involved)*

#### *An attempt to block SR 167 by approximately 100 vehicles which was dispersed in minutes.*

In addition to the activity above, multiple attempts to gather and block city streets and parking lots in several cities were dispersed quickly by agencies involved.

This type activity creates dangerous conditions for the public whether it occurs on city streets, parking lots or the freeway system. The outstanding efforts of all the allied agencies made it possible for no tragedies to occur over the weekend.

During the Labor Day Weekend Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers in King County also removed 36 suspected impaired drivers from the roadway not all of which were tied to the emphasis. Needless to say it was a very busy weekend in King County.

The WSP would like to thank all agencies involved for working together throughout the weekend to make it a success!

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