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### **Connecticut State Police** **Prepare For Start of Summer**

Many people along with the Connecticut State Police, consider Memorial Day Weekend as the beginning of the summer season. With summer travels exploring the great State of Connecticut, or simply visiting family members or our beaches, traffic on Connecticut's roadways will dramatically increase throughout the summer months. This holiday weekend the Connecticut State Police will be actively participating in operation **C.A.R.E.** (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) This is a nationwide motor vehicle enforcement project involving local and State Police officers who cooperatively focus their enforcement efforts to make the holiday safe across the nation. The Connecticut State Police have participated in operation **C.A.R.E.** for over twenty years.

The Connecticut State Police are asking for the cooperation from the motoring public to help make this summer, a safe summer.

The Connecticut State Police are asking motorists to make sure their vehicles are mechanically sound by before they start out on a trip. Check the cooling system, wiper blades, tire treads and lighting systems. This can prevent breakdowns which cause numerous traffic delays.

Before you travel, take time to plan your travel routes ahead of time. Check with AAA or CTDOT to avoid construction areas, and anticipate delays. Remember to travel during off-peak hours whenever possible.

As soon as you enter your vehicle "**Buckle Up**" your seat belt, and **NEVER** operate a vehicle after consuming alcoholic beverages. Obey the traffic laws and posted speed limits. Don't tailgate or change lanes abruptly while driving. Be aware that the State Police will have a variety of marked and unmarked patrol vehicles actively enforcing Connecticut's motor vehicle laws. The State Police will also be utilizing fixed wing aircraft and "**Trooper One**" the State Police Helicopter to monitor and respond to all major traffic incidents.

The State Police would also like to ask anyone who observes a suspected drunk driver or aggressive driver to report the vehicle utilizing the 911 system. Working together we can make Connecticut's roadways safer throughout the summer season.

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