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LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The Labor Day Holiday is traditionally viewed as the last holiday to bring the summer to a close. It is anticipated that 80% of all people taking advantage of this end of summer holiday will travel by car. The Connecticut State Police will participate in Operation "CARE" (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) and expect a large volume of traffic on our roads and highways. AAA predicts that vehicle travel will be the highest in nine years. Nearly 33.4 million Americans will be traveling 50 mile or less to tier holiday destination.

The Connecticut State Police will start the 2004 Labor Day Holiday enforcement effort at midnight 09/03/04 and continue to midnight Monday September 6, 2004. State Police will utilize additional manpower and equipment for this enforcement project. The non-traditional police vehicles (Chevrolet Impalas, Cameros, Dodge Intrepid) the fixed wing aircraft and helicopter will be used to participate in speed enforcement and to search the roads and highways for the unsafe, erratic, and intoxicated drivers. The use of seatbelts in all cars is mandated by law. All occupants should be instructed to wear their seat belt. "Click it or expect a ticket". DUI Spot-checks will be scheduled to operate at several points across the State of Connecticut.

Consumption of alcohol and driving are against the law. This behavior endangers not only the drunk driver but also every other person who uses the roads and highways. The State Police remind all drivers, don't drink and drive. Commissioner Leonard Boyle wants all motorists to be reminded that if you see a driver that you believe may be under the influence, report it immediately as this is a true emergency. "Help your State Police remove all drunk drivers from all of our roads and highways".

As the anniversary of the Sept 11 tragedy approaches the Connecticut State Police continue to maintain vigilant patrols of all infrastructures, waterways, and bridges throughout the State. The Division of Protective Services maintains staff who are available to assist all Local, State or Federal Agencies in any statewide security issues or concerns. The State Police remind all citizens to continue to be observant, vigilant, and to report any activity or behavior that causes them concern.

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