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NAVAJO POLICE TO STEP UP MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ENFORCEMENT
OF SEAT BELT, CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS, INCREASE PRESENCE FOR DUI STOPS

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Division of Public Safety has announced it will put more officers on Navajo highways and vigorously enforce DUI, seat belt and child restraint laws over the Memorial Day weekend.

Samson Cowboy, public safety executive director, said Tuesday the division has prepared for the first long weekend of summer by adjusting officers' schedules to increase Navajo police presence on the roads.

He said drivers who drive without using their seat belts or placing their young children in child restraint seats will be surprised when officers stop them for these violations and cite them rather than simply issuing a warning.

“Don't drink and drive. Be safe out there,” he said. “Think about your loved ones.”

Navajo police officers will be assigned in every police district in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. This detail will begin Friday, May 26, and last through Monday, May 29. Work schedules for Navajo police officers have been adjusted to ensure a greater number of officers on the road throughout the weekend, he said. Additional officers will supplement regularly-assigned units in Navajo communities.

DUI Task Force and saturation patrols will take place across the Navajo Nation in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies throughout the Memorial Day weekend, he said.

Vigorous statewide enforcement of seat belt laws will be stepped up. The “click it or ticket” campaign will occur throughout the state and officers will aggressively target seatbelt violations and children restraint violations.

Fatigue is a factor that contributes greatly to fatal collisions. Be certain you're well-rested before starting an extended drive. Take short breaks from driving before it's too late.

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