



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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## **Extra Patrols Starting Tomorrow! 100 Deadliest Days Mobilization Focuses On Preventing Crashes**

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, along with over 40 state and local law enforcement agencies across Idaho, are stepping up their patrols starting July 21<sup>st</sup> through August 4, 2017, to help prevent fatal and serious injury crashes during the deadliest days of summer driving. The 100 Deadliest Days span the weeks between the Memorial Day and Labor Day holidays.

"The 100 Deadliest Days mobilization aims to educate drivers about making good decisions such as paying attention, obeying speed limits, wearing seat belts, and never driving when impaired by alcohol or drugs," said Josephine Middleton, from the OHS.

Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows that 94 percent of traffic crashes can be tied back to human behavior and bad decisions made by at least one party involved. The top three contributing factors in Idaho crashes are aggressive driving, distracted driving and impaired driving.

In addition, lack of safety restraint use significantly increases your chance of being killed or injured in a crash. During the years 2011-2015, 58 percent of the people who died in Idaho crashes were not wearing seat belts.

Middleton went on to add, "Crashes can be prevented if we make good choices when behind the wheel."

The 100 Deadliest Days mobilization is funded by the OHS as part of their Towards Zero Deaths goal to eliminate traffic fatalities.



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