

NHP targeting drivers who are speeding

Between now and June 21, Nevada's Joining Forces law enforcement team will be cracking down on speeding drivers throughout the state.

In an effort to save lives, Nevada Highway Patrol is reminding motorists to slow down. Law enforcement agencies throughout Nevada will be working overtime through June 21 enforcing speed limit laws.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, speed was a factor in almost a third of passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2013. In addition, most of these crashes occurred during nighttime hours.

According to NHTSA, the consequences of driving too fast include:

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control
- Reduced effectiveness of occupant protection equipment
- Increased stopping distance when the driver perceives a danger
- Increased degree of crash severity leading to more debilitating injuries
- Unexpected economic and psychological implications of a speed-related crash.