

NHP beefs up DUI patrols

The Labor Day holiday culminates the end of summer, a period known by enforcement officials as the “100 deadliest days,” as fatalities tend to increase during the summer, beginning with Memorial Day.

With impaired driving and riding as a top traffic problem for Nevada, Nevada Highway Patrol is working with other agencies to boost enforcement efforts now through Sept. 7.

Impaired driving fatalities have consistently been the most common cause of motor vehicle accidents resulting in injuries and death in Nevada, according to the NHP. In 2014, four people were killed on Nevada’s roadways over the Labor Day weekend.

To achieve the zero fatalities goal, drivers and riders are encouraged to know the law for blood alcohol levels and to abide by the following guidelines:

- designate a sober driver before drinking;
- use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation if impaired;
- take advantage of local sober ride programs;
- call 911 if a drunk driver is spotted on the road;
- take the keys or assist in making other arrangements for someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired.