

Nevada trying to curtail fatal accidents

With there being more fatalities on Nevada roads compared to a year ago, law enforcement wants to change that trend.

The Nevada Highway Patrol is working in conjunction with the Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Department, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Carson City Sheriff's Department and Lyon County Sheriff's Department to boost enforcement efforts.

Impaired driving fatalities have consistently been the most common cause of motor vehicle accidents resulting in injuries and death in Nevada. While alcohol related crashes and fatalities have decreased 48 percent compared to this time last year, there has still been an increase in overall fatalities to date.

Officers offer these tips:

- 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.