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### **SUFFOLK POLICE TO INCREASE PATROLS 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 29, 2021) The Suffolk Police Department would like to remind motorists and boaters to make safety a priority and will drive that point home by increasing patrols on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and throughout the holiday weekend on our roads and waterways to help protect those that travel and to keep them safe from impaired drivers.

They ask that people celebrate responsibly by arranging for a sober driver, wearing your seatbelt every trip, and refraining from distractions while behind the wheel. The three main causes of highway fatalities are aggressive driving, impaired driving, and failure to use occupant restraints.

People should be well-rested and alert, observe speed limits, and follow the rules of the road. With more people expected to be on the roadways, allow extra travel time. It is more important to arrive at your destination safely, than to arrive at your desired time. Don't push traffic lights and speed to make it to your destination early. Expect increased traffic and understand it may take longer to reach your destination on the holiday.

Many will also be enjoying the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities from a boat. Alcohol and boating is also a dangerous combination and can lead to boat operation problems as well as drowning. Just as you would with a car, appoint a Designated Driver to operate the boat.

This is a day to be extra alert, patient, and cautious. If you can't be all three of those, don't drive – whether on the roadway or on the water.

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