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Slow down, enjoy the drive: Law enforcement agencies partner to prevent aggressive driving

Heyburn, Idaho] — The Heyburn Police Department and the Idaho Office of Highway Safety (OHS) urge Idahoans to slow down and enjoy the drive this summer. July 19 through August 11, law enforcement agencies across the state will be increasing patrols on Idaho roads for aggressive drivers to help ensure everyone can travel to their destinations safely.

So far this summer, at least 41 people have died in crashes on Idaho roads, bringing the year-to-date total to 115 deaths.

“Our officers are signing up to work extra shifts with the goal of making the roadways safer for everyone through enforcement and education of Idaho traffic laws.” said Sgt. Cole Kuta
“Everyone can do their part to reduce car accidents by simply slowing down and increasing their following distance to the vehicle in front of them. A little patience behind the wheel adds to the safety and enjoyment of the trip.”

Other aggressive driving behaviors include tailgating, failing to stop for red lights or stop signs, weaving in and out of traffic, and passing a vehicle on the wrong side of the road or on the shoulder.

OHS prepares an annual traffic crash report. It is a statistical analysis of all crashes that happen on Idaho roads each year. The full 2023 Idaho Traffic Crash Report [is now available online](#).

The report shows that aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 50% of crashes and 103 people were killed in aggressive driving crashes on Idaho roadways last year. While 74% of all aggressive driving crashes occurred in urban areas, 61% of the *fatal* aggressive driving crashes occurred in rural areas. Drivers under the age of 25 represent more than one-third of the drivers involved in aggressive driving crashes.

For more information on aggressive driving, visit shift-idaho.org