

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

News release on State Patrol I-94 corridor enforcement

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on a news release related to State Patrol enforcement of traffic laws along the I-94 corridor between August 26 and Labor Day of 2019 (Chapter 346), a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/act369/?id=OPA261&uri=file:I94enforcement&division=OPA>

2. Mailing written comments to: Office of
Public Affairs
Wisconsin Department of Transportation 4822
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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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State Patrols from Wisconsin through Montana stepping up enforcement on I-94

Goal is to keep motorists safe as we head into the busy Labor Day travel weekend

To enhance public safety as we approach a busy holiday travel period, the Wisconsin State Patrol will join their counterparts in Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana to step-up law enforcement efforts along the I-94 corridor.

Beginning today and continuing through Labor Day, State Patrol officers will focus enforcement efforts along I-94 throughout the four states watching for aggressive driving behaviors such as speeding, following too closely, lane change violations and distracted driving.

“We routinely work with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies on traffic safety initiatives because we share a common goal of helping travelers reach their destinations safely,” said Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tony Burrell. “Public education is an important part of this effort. We hope to raise public awareness about this multi-state law enforcement effort because our primary goal is voluntary compliance with traffic laws – not to stop or cite motorists.”

To help ensure a safe trip, the State Patrol offers the following travel tips:

- Buckle up, be alert and watch your speed;
- Keep to the right when possible. Drivers who linger in the passing lane can generate tailgating and other traffic safety problems;
- Watch for merging traffic. Move over a lane if possible or adjust your speed slightly to accommodate merging vehicles;
- When changing lanes, allow adequate distance to avoid cutting off other traffic. Keep in mind that commercial motor vehicles require more time and distance to slow or stop.
- Scan the road ahead. Move over or slow down when approaching stopped emergency vehicles that have their warning lights activated.

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