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Police to Coordinate Traffic Safety Emphasis on May 6

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, April 22, 2011 – The Bainbridge Island Police Department, in conjunction with Kitsap County Traffic Safety Task Force, will be conducting a traffic safety emphasis on Friday, May 6 (note date corrected from previously published information).

The emphasis will concentrate not only on speed enforcement, but will also focus on unsafe driving behaviors known to cause traffic collisions, such as cell phone use, texting, and failure to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. The Bainbridge Island officers will be joined by representatives from other participating agencies: Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Patrol, and Bremerton, Port Orchard and Poulsbo Police Departments.

Last year in Kitsap County, 16 people were killed on our roadways and streets due to a variety of causes including speed, alcohol/drugs and pedestrians. "This exercise is intended to remind drivers of these important rules of the road – be safe, don't be distracted by texting or talking on your cell phone, and always wear your seatbelt," said Police Commander Sue Shultz.

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