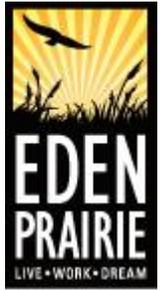


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EDEN PRAIRIE & BLOOMINGTON POLICE TO CONDUCT ENHANCED SPEED PATROLS THROUGHOUT JULY

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Eden Prairie and Bloomington motorists will face enhanced speed enforcement patrols throughout July as part of a statewide Department of Public Safety (DPS) enforcement effort.

Statewide, speed is the most commonly reported contributing factor in fatal crashes. According to Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), speed contributes to about 150 traffic deaths and 7,000 injuries each year.

“Speeding motorists are a serious threat to everyone on the road,” says Eden Prairie Police Sergeant Pete Vosbeek. “When speed increases, so does the potential for violent a crash.”

Approximately 400 law enforcement agencies across Minnesota will participate in the enforcement effort coordinated by DPS as a component of the state’s *Toward Zero Death* initiative (*TZD*). *TZD* is a multi-agency approach to address traffic issues regionally through enforcement, education, engineering and emergency trauma care.

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