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NOPD, LSP ANNOUNCE NEW HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

NEW ORLEANS—Today, NOPD Superintendent Michael Harrison and Louisiana State Police Superintendent Col. Michael Edmonson announced a new partnership that will put LSP Troopers on New Orleans interstates to focus on traffic safety and enforcement. Through the Local Agency Compensated Enforcement (LACE) program, LSP Troopers will conduct traffic safety and enforcement on a detail basis on all New Orleans interstates and state highways. The new patrols started today.

"This new partnership will increase enforcement on traffic violations and improve safety on the road for all drivers," said NOPD Superintendent Michael Harrison. "Our goal is to continue to reduce crashes and injuries and save more lives on the road. With more troopers helping our officers patrol the interstates, we will make it happen."

During these details, troopers will be stationed in areas that are known to experience accidents during high-traffic times. Drivers can expect to see troopers out on safety patrols actively enforcing speeding, apprehending impaired drivers and providing assistance to drivers who have been involved in accidents. The NOPD will support these enforcement efforts and provide backup units when necessary.

"Louisiana State Police is committed to assisting the New Orleans Police Department with enhancing the safety of the citizens and tourists in the City of New Orleans," said Colonel Mike Edmonson, Louisiana State Police Superintendent. "We have entered into a mutual contract with the City to extend our supplemental patrols to the New Orleans East area. Troopers assigned to this area will be targeting hazardous motorists and dangerous situations on the federal and state highways. Public safety is our top priority and we are working with NOPD to improve safety in Orleans Parish."

The City will reimburse LSP for the costs of providing the enforcement details.

The LACE program adds to the department's on-going partnership with LSP to enhance public safety across the city. Earlier this year, LSP assigned a permanent contingent of troopers to patrol in the French Quarter and surrounding areas. LSP Troopers are permanently assigned to the New Orleans area to assist in handling investigations. And LSP provides additional manpower during special events throughout the year.

Harrison added, "I am happy to build on the strong partnership we have with the Louisiana State Police. Together, we will continue to provide strong public safety to every neighborhood in New Orleans."

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