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NEWS RELEASE

HIGH-VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT EFFORT PLANNED ON ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR

CONCORD, N.H. – The New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety (NHOHS) announces an upcoming high visibility enforcement effort on U.S. Route 3, which stretches the entire length of the state.

From 2018 to 2023, more than 8,300 crashes occurred on the corridor from Nashua to Pittsburg, according to data from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. The stretch passing through communities near Concord, Hooksett, Bedford/Manchester and Tilton had the highest number of crashes during the timeframe.

During the upcoming effort, which begins Monday, the NHOHS will be collaborating with its state, county, and local law enforcement partners to deter and detect dangerous driving behaviors, including speeding, impairment, distraction, and reckless driving. The goal of the effort is to prevent crashes and injuries, and ultimately save lives.

"Route 3 is a major thoroughfare for those who commute, visit, or do business within our state," said New Hampshire Department of Safety Assistant Commissioner Eddie Edwards. "Unfortunately, poor decision-making has resulted in far too many crashes and endless close calls. We hope that this enforcement effort will educate drivers about the risks and encourage them to be safer behind the wheel."

The effort is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through grants issued by the NHOHS. The NHOHS thanks all agencies and their members who will be participating in this effort to protect lives and take dangerous drivers off the roads, as well as the residents and visitors of New Hampshire who commit to driving safely.

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Note: A datasheet containing crash data from 2018 to 2023 will be enclosed with this news release.

