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NEWS RELEASE

HIGH-VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT EFFORT PLANNED ON ROUTE 4 CORRIDOR

CONCORD, N.H. – The New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety (NHOHS) announces an upcoming high-visibility enforcement effort on U.S. Route 4, which crosses across the state for 107 miles from Lebanon to Portsmouth.

From 2018 to 2023, more than 32,000 crashes occurred on the stretch of the corridor from the Capital Region to the Seacoast, according to data from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. During the timeframe, the highest number of crashes were recorded in and around Concord, Portsmouth, Rockingham County, Strafford County, and Merrimack County.

During the effort, which begins tomorrow, May 21, 2024, the NHOHS will be collaborating with state, county, and local law enforcement, as well as counterpart agencies in the State of Maine, to deter and detect dangerous driving behaviors, including speeding and distraction. The goal of the effort is to prevent crashes and injuries, and ultimately save lives.

“Route 4 is a busy road for drivers commuting for work and pleasure from the Upper Valley to the Capital Region, and from cities and towns on the Seacoast to Maine,” said New Hampshire Department of Safety Assistant Commissioner Eddie Edwards. “During this effort, we hope drivers will be educated about the risks of poor decision-making 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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