**Operation DRIVE**

**“Distracted Reckless Impaired Visibility Enforcement”**

**What is Operation DRIVE?**

Operation DRIVE is a high visibility, multi-agency, traffic enforcement effort on the Interstate 95 Corridor from North Carolina to Florida designed to eliminate traffic fatalities by reducing traffic crashes involving large trucks, buses and passenger vehicles.

During these high visibility enforcement efforts officers and troopers of the Georgia Department of Public Safety will aggressively enforce Georgia Traffic law---targeting for enforcement such violations as speeding, texting/cell phone use while driving, following too close, improper lane change, DUI and seatbelt usage in both commercial and non-commercial vehicles. Additionally, drivers of commercial motor vehicles will be inspected for compliance with hours of service and records of duty status laws, as well as compliance with driver qualification requirements such as commercial driver’s licenses and medical qualifications.

**Facts:**

* I-95 is one of the busiest most heavily traveled corridors in the US
* 13% of nation’s CMV fatal crashes occur in the four states that this initiative will encompass(NC, SC, GA, FL)
* This collaborative effort that brings enforcement agencies from four states together to work to eliminate fatalities is the first of its kind in the Southeastern United States
* This initiative covers approximately 900 miles along the I-95 corridor and will involve over 400 law enforcement officers from 4 state agencies. They include:
	+ Florida Highway Patrol
	+ Georgia Department of Public Safety
	+ South Carolina State Transport Police
	+ North Carolina State Highway Patrol

**Why?**

Because even one traffic death is too many!

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