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### Extra Patrols Planned to Catch Speeders

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**BOULDER CITY** – Since the opening of I-11 in August 2018, numerous drivers have been clocked over 100-miles an hour on the highway. Dangerous speeding contributes to a third of fatal crashes nationwide. Starting Thursday, Boulder City Police Department (BCPD) is **Joining Forces** with law enforcement officers across Nevada to crack down on aggressive drivers and speeders statewide.

The goal of the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety **Joining Forces** campaign is to increase high-visibility patrols between February 28 and March 13, 2019, with officers stopping and ticketing motorists exceeding the speed limit. Exceeding the speed limit or driving too fast for the conditions is one of the most common factors contributing to traffic crashes and cost our country billions of dollars every year. Driving too fast can turn a near miss into a crash, or a fatality. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that the annual cost to society of speeding-related crashes is \$40.4 billion per year.

The Boulder City Police Department (along with other agencies) will be conducting extra patrols on Interstate 11 and US-95 within the city limits of Boulder City during this two week period. “We often find that the sight of an officer’s vehicle on the highway causes motorists to slow down and drive with caution,” said Chief Tim Shea of the Boulder City Police Department. “Funding for the extra patrols through Joining Forces could save lives.”

Boulder City Police Department received a \$42,500 grant from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to support participation in **Joining Forces** traffic safety campaigns during the coming year. The goal is to reduce crashes and save lives by focusing on impaired driving, distracted driving, seat belts, speed, and pedestrian safety.

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