



# Research In Progress

## Evaluation of Washington State Target Zero Teams Project

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On July 1, 2010, the Washington State Patrol began deployment of three detachments of 18 troopers and three sergeants to pursue nighttime impaired driving offenses. These detachments, called Target Zero Teams in support of Washington's Target Zero strategic highway safety plan, will operate in Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties for two years. The troopers involved will be relieved of their regular Washington State Patrol duties and will focus their efforts on enforcement of impaired driving and of other traffic offenses that are committed often by impaired drivers, such as those pertaining to speed and seat belt use. Local law enforcement officers will also participate in the teams at high-risk locations for periods of time during the project.

The goal of this study is to evaluate the outcomes of the Target Zero Teams project in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. This study will assess public awareness of enforcement activity, examine cooperation between the Washington State Patrol and local stakeholders, and investigate the impact of the trooper detachments on crashes, fatalities, arrests, BAC levels, and criminal interdiction. The potential cost benefit and cost avoidance to the State of Washington as a result of the program will also be calculated.

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