

# Dept. of Transportation: State Patrol to conduct aerial speed enforcement in eight counties starting Aug. 9

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Watch your speed this week as Wisconsin State Patrol (WSP) officers plan to monitor state highways from the sky.

Weather permitting, WSP's Aerial Support Unit is scheduled to patrol for traffic violations in the following areas:

## **Monday, August 9**

- Barron County US-53

## **Tuesday, August 10**

- Washington County I-41

## **Wednesday, August 11**

- Dane County I-39/90

## **Thursday, August 12**

- Waushara County I-39
- Eau Claire County I-94

### **Friday, August 13**

- Douglas County US-53

### **Saturday, August 14**

- Dunn County I-94

### **Sunday, August 15**

- Oconto County US-41/141

The State Patrol's primary mission is public safety, which includes enforcing traffic laws to help make sure drivers reach their destinations safely.

Aerial speed enforcement is one way to enhance public safety efforts. From the air it's much easier to spot drivers who are speeding or driving aggressively. When a pilot observes a violation, they communicate with ground-based units to initiate a traffic stop.

Many aerial enforcement missions are announced publicly to reinforce WSP's goal to improve public safety through voluntary compliance with traffic laws, not simply to stop or cite drivers.