

Dept. of Transportation: Wisconsin State Patrol plans aerial enforcement in four counties

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Wisconsin State Patrol (WSP) pilots are scheduled to keep an eye out for traffic violations from the air this week.

Weather permitting, WSP is planning five aerial enforcement missions over Wisconsin highways in four counties:

Tuesday, August 24

- Fond du Lac County - WIS 26

Wednesday, August 25

- Dane County - I-39/90

Friday, August 27

- Eau Claire County - I-94

Saturday, August 28

- Rock County - I-39/90

Sunday, August 29

- Dane County - I-39/90

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.