

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

News release on State Patrol aerial enforcement

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on a news release related to State Patrol aerial enforcement (Chapter 346), a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/act369/?id=OPA263&uri=file:EauClaire8-19&division=OPA>

2. Mailing written comments to: Office of
Public Affairs
Wisconsin Department of Transportation 4822
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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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State Patrol plans aerial enforcement Tuesday along I-94 in Eau Claire County

To enhance safety for all travelers, the Wisconsin State Patrol plans to use aircraft and ground-based officers on Tuesday (August 20) along I-94 in Eau Claire County. If weather conditions are unfavorable for flying, enforcement typically proceeds using ground-based units.

“We publicly announce many of these enforcement efforts to reinforce that our goal is voluntary compliance with traffic laws,” said Lieutenant Les Mlsna with the State Patrol’s Northwest Region Post in Eau Claire. “Officers will be watching for speeding, tailgating or other dangerous driving behaviors that risk the safety of all travelers.”

Most State Patrol aerial missions are made possible through federal funds specifically designated to support traffic law enforcement. The State Patrol analyzes data on traffic crashes and citations to identify highway corridors for enforcement efforts.

State Patrol aircraft use a timing device known as VASCAR (Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder) along with highway markings to determine vehicle speeds. When pilots detect speeders, aggressive or reckless drivers, they contact ground-based units to initiate a traffic stop. A [WisDOT YouTube video](#) highlights the role of the State Patrol’s Air Support Unit.

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(Note to media: to access b-roll video on aerial enforcement, follow the link and directions below).

1. Go to this link: <ftp://ftp.dot.wi.gov/dbm/bs/ccs/DSP-ASU-B-roll/>
2. Place the mouse cursor over the file/link titled “ASU Fly-Along - B-roll for TV.mp4”
3. Right click and select the option to “Save target as” (or similar verbiage)
4. Select an appropriate location on your computer or network to store/download the video file