

Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) troopers will put in extra hours over the next several weekends as part of special enforcement efforts focused on Husker home football games.

Special enforcement efforts including high visibility patrols will take place before and after the Sept. 5 Florida Atlantic game, the Sept. 12 Arkansas State game and the Sept. 26 Louisiana-Lafayette game.

The Sept. 5 and 26 games are night games with a 6 p.m. (CT) kick-off. The Sept. 12 Arkansas State game is scheduled to kick off at 1 p.m. (CT)

“Home football Saturdays mean a huge influx of vehicles on our state’s roadways,” said Colonel Bryan Tuma, superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol.

“We encourage fans coming in to Lincoln for the game to give themselves plenty of time to reach their destination and to include a little patience along with their team pride,” he said.

The added enforcement will be paid for in part by a nearly \$8,000 grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS).

The Nebraska State Patrol reminds motorists heavy traffic can mean congestion and delays both before and after the football games. Motorists are reminded to obey the posted speed limit, wear their seat belt and never drive impaired.

I-80 widening projects between Omaha and Lincoln continue, as do numerous other highway improvement projects which may affect travel routes to and from Memorial Stadium. Caution is urged in work zones.

Motorists wanting to check their route can do so by dialing 511, the state’s automated weather and road condition hotline.

Anyone who observes a reckless or impaired driver or anyone in need of non-emergency roadside assistance should call the NSP Highway Helpline at *55 on their cellular phone or 1-800-525-5555 from any landline.