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Highway Traffic Enforcement Update

Highway traffic enforcement continues to be a top priority for the Connecticut State Police. An ongoing Fatal Mitigation Initiative provides additional targeted enforcement along highways with high crash and fatality rates. This includes I-91, I-84, Route 9, and Route 8.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection has determined that the numbers shared at an Oct. 9 press conference regarding the number of traffic stops conducted by the Connecticut State Police for 2023 did not include all traffic stops. This error was due to a change in software used for reporting that was identified and remediated.

The 2023 number of 26,030 cited at the Oct. 9 press conference was incorrect. Here are the updated stop numbers:

- Total number of traffic stops for the year 2023: 95,781 (1/01/2023 to 12/31/2023).
- Total number of traffic stops thus far in 2024: 77,133 (1/01/2024 to present).

DESPP and the Connecticut State Police are committed to making our highways safer and the sharing of data and information. The Office of the Commissioner now includes a data scientist, Dr. Michael Mascari, who is overseeing new data initiatives for DESPP. Going forward, we have taken steps to ensure that proper data management and analyses occur when reporting data. Additionally, in the near future, DESPP will begin frequent posting on our website of all traffic stop data.

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