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MOTORISTS URGED TO STOP IT...OR COP IT

In the lead-up to the busiest time of year on the State's roads, Member for Albury, Greg Aplin is today urging motorists to re-think their on-road behaviour with the launch of the NSW Government's latest enforcement campaign: Stop it...Or cop it.

Designed to deter motorists from taking risks and encourage them to take greater responsibility for their on-road behaviour, the new campaign comes as the State's largest high visibility road safety Police Operation: Safe Arrival, gets underway from midnight tonight.

Mr Aplin said motorists are continuing to take risks, regardless of some of the longest and most intense high-visibility police operations NSW has ever seen.

"At a time when most of us look forward to enjoying time with friends and family, we need to prioritise safety, be vigilant, follow the road rules and drive to the conditions," Mr Aplin said.

"While we don't want to have to charge people, if you choose to put yourself or others at risk by breaking the road rules or being reckless, you will face the penalties."

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey said people across NSW should enjoy the holidays but urged both drivers and passengers to play their part in making sure everyone has a 'Safe Arrival' at their destination.

"The silly season isn't an excuse to be silly. If you're too tired to drive, stop and have a nap, share the driving, make sure you have a Plan B and always wear a seatbelt – it could save your life," Mrs Pavey said.

Double demerits will be in place between Friday 22 December 2017 and Monday 1 January 2018 for all speeding, mobile phone, seatbelt and motorcycle-helmet offences and officers will be out in large numbers during the operation enforcing all types of dangerous driving behaviours.

"There will be more police tackling risky behaviour on our roads this Christmas as part of Operation Safe Arrival and the message to motorists is clear - you're responsible for your own actions, you can either Stop it...Or cop it," said Minister for police, Troy Grant.

Operation Safe Arrival and the Stop it...or Cop it campaign are funded by the NSW Community Road Safety Fund, which invests speed, red light and mobile camera fines back into road safety initiatives such as safer roads, police enforcement, education campaigns and the development of safer vehicles and technologies.

Operation Safe Arrival will run through until Monday 1 January 2018 (inclusive).

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