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Easter Road Stop targets driver fatigue

The Albany RoadWise Committee, Great Southern police and a team of volunteers are gearing up to target driver fatigue this Easter.

During the annual Easter Fatigue Road Stop, Albany RoadWise Committee members and volunteers will provide motorists with advice on the management of fatigue along with promotional material and a bottle of water supplied by the Water Corporation.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell said the Great Southern region's ongoing commitment to combating fatigue was to be commended.

"The Easter fatigue stop has become a much valued and anticipated event on the local road safety calendar with more than 1500 vehicles stopped during the 2009 event." Cr Mitchell said.

"The road stop provides the opportunity for local road safety partners to help increase the awareness of the fatigue danger signs in the hope of reducing the level of fatigue related trauma on our roads."

"Easter is a time when people tend to travel longer distances to see family and friends so it is vital that drivers know and remember the fatigue warning signs." he said.

Drivers should get off the road before the physical signs set in - yawning, blinking, having trouble keeping your head up or eyes closing for a moment or going out of focus.

You should not be driving if you are tired.

Take a break every two hours, swap drivers, have a nap or stop at one of the many Driver Reviver or coffee stop locations across the state for a rest and a chat.

Drivers are reminded that double demerits also apply over the Easter long weekend.

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