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UHP joins CARE holiday traveling safety campaign

In conjunction with All American Buckle-Up Week, local Utah Highway Patrol troopers are joining the nation's law enforcement agencies in a traffic safety effort known as Operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort.

In addition, CARE and the Independent Order of Foresters will be conducting a rest stop project along U.S. Highway 6 in the Price-Spanish Fork canyons area.

Experience and research has proven that using seatbelts and child safety restraint devices is one of the most effective ways to save lives and reduce injuries in motor vehicle accidents.

According to the Utah Highway Patrol, research has determined that lap and shoulder belts, when used properly, reduce the risk of fatal injury to a front seat occupant riding in a vehicle by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by 50 percent.

Every 14 seconds, someone in America is injured in a traffic crash and every 12 minutes,

Troopers on Utah's highways will now be taking a zero tolerance approach to safety belt and child restraint enforcement.

Citations will be issued for any vehicle occupants not properly restrained, as required by state law.

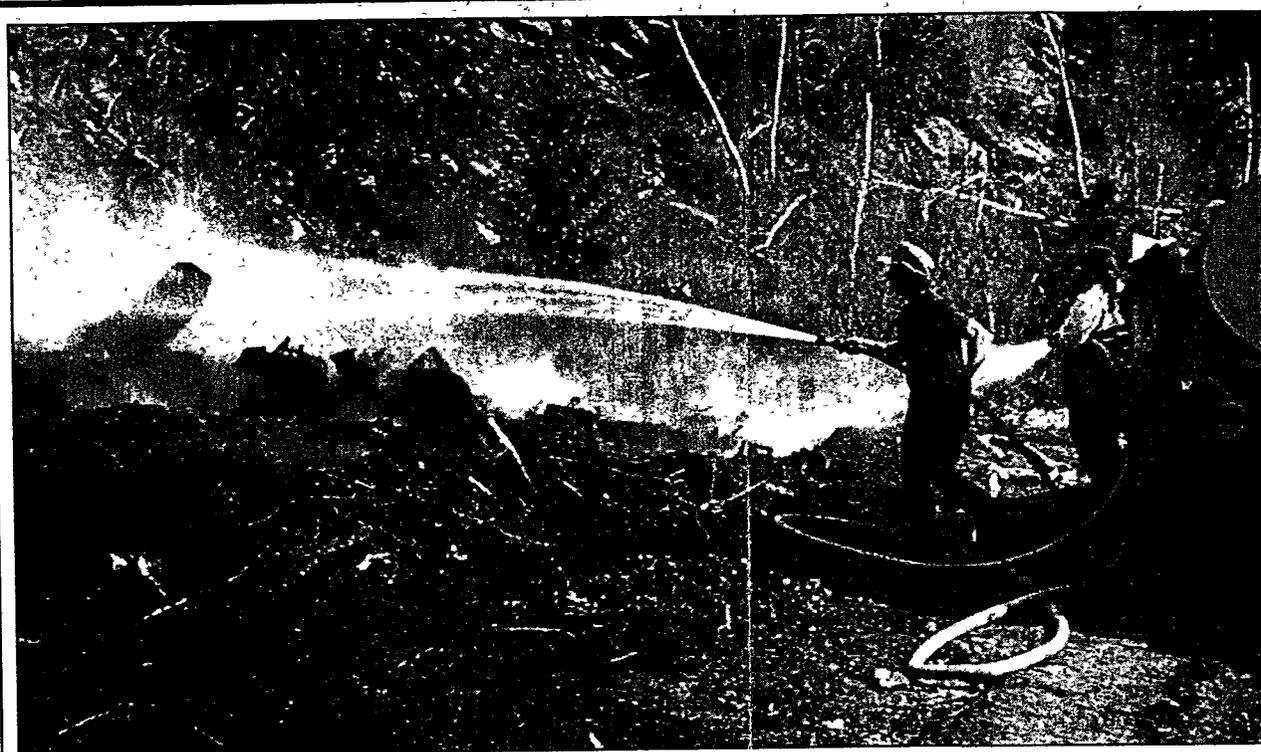
Rural areas have the lowest seatbelt usage rate in the state, but two-thirds of the fatal crashes occur in rural Utah.

Sgt. Don Kelley from UHP Section 9, based in Price, encourages Carbon County motorists to take breaks during trips by getting out of vehicles often and stretching to help combat fatigue.

Aggressive driving during the holiday weekend will also be quickly reprimanded. Kelley advises drivers to allow plenty of time to reach destinations.

Another project designed to make driving during the Memorial Day weekend safer is being conducted by the Independent Order of Foresters at the Tucker rest stop in Spanish Fork Canyon.

Members of the IOF will be



Forest fire burns several acres in Dugout Canyon, high winds provoke flames

A forest fire ripped through Dugout Canyon last Tuesday as strong canyon winds spread flames through the trees. The source of the fire is not known as of yet, but the Carbon County Sheriff Jim Robertson, Deputy Mike Martinez and Deputy Dave Vincent reported to the scene to investigate. The Wellington fire department was at the scene, working on extinguishing one of the large piles of trees on the side of the logging maintenance road. The fire was on private property owned by Cas-

cade Mountain Resources, and employees of the company were the first to arrive and begin an attempt to extinguish the blaze. Unfortunately, the wind and the size of the fire were too much for the men and help had to be requested. At approximately 6:20 p.m., U.S. Forest Service fire crews arrived to take command of the scene. Deputy Vincent approximated the damage yesterday afternoon at approximately 20 to 30 acres. At time of deadline, crews were continuing work to put the fire out.

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