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ALDOT Reminds Motorists to Drive Safely this Memorial Day Weekend

(Montgomery, Ala.) – Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial start to summer and, with that, higher traffic volumes on Alabama’s roadways. This weekend, the Alabama Department of Transportation is encouraging motorists to plan for an increase in traffic and to allow extra time to reach their destination.

In 2021, there were ten fatalities on Alabama roadways during the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. On average, less than one percent of crashes end in fatality, however, Crash Facts show that speeding and driving under the influence are the two most dangerous behaviors involved in fatal crashes.

ALDOT offers these tips to stay safe while traveling:

- **Don’t Drive Impaired:** Never get behind the wheel of a car under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any other substances that impair judgement.
- **Eliminate Distractions:** Stay focused on the road and avoid distractions like using your phone in any capacity or anything that takes your attention away from driving. A momentary distraction can have severe consequences.
- **Slow Down:** Speeding increases the likelihood of serious or fatal accidents and reduces drivers’ ability to react to unexpected situations.
- **Buckle Up. Every Trip:** Safety belts save lives and reduce the risk of serious injuries.

Highway Travel Planning Tool

Motorists planning their holiday travel route can find Alabama traffic and road condition information, including live traffic camera feeds at www.ALGOtraffic.com or by downloading the ALGO Traffic app. ALDOT asks motorists to use ALGO Traffic responsibly. Drivers should never text, tweet, or use a mobile device while operating a vehicle.

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