

# PREPARING FOR YOUR SUMMER ROAD TRIP

## PREPARING YOUR VEHICLE BEFOREHAND

- CHANGE YOUR OIL AND ROTATE YOUR TIRES
- HAVE A COMPLETE MULTI-POINT INSPECTION DONE
- ENGINE HEALTH STARTS WITH YOUR CAR'S COOLING SYSTEM
- CERTAIN REPAIRS ARE MORE COMMON IN THE SUMMER
- KEEP AN EXTRA BOTTLE OF WASHER FLUID ON HAND

## HAVE A TRUSTED MECHANIC INSPECT

- WIPERS
- ALL MAJOR FLUIDS
- EXHAUST SYSTEM
- COOLING SYSTEM
- BRAKE PADS & ROTORS
- TIRE TREAD & PRESSURES
- SUSPENSION & STEERING
- EXTERIOR LIGHT OPERATION

## BEST PRACTICES FOR STAYING SAFE

- DAYLIGHT IS BEST FOR TRAVELING
- DIAL 911 DURING AN EMERGENCY
- DRINKING AND DRIVING DON'T MIX
- DRUGS AND DRIVING DON'T MIX, EITHER
- DROWSY DRIVING IS JUST AS BAD AS BOTH
- DISTRACTED DRIVING IS NOT WORTH THE RISK

## ROAD TRIP ESSENTIALS



ALWAYS PLAN

YOUR ROUTE

SAFETY FIRST

## WHAT TO DO DURING AN EMERGENCY

- FIND A CLEAR PLACE TO PULL OFF & DIAL 911
- RELAY NECESSARY INFO TO DISPATCHER
- ALWAYS KEEP TABS ON WHERE YOU ARE WHILE TRAVELING
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, TRY TO REMAIN CALM



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## IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT



“WHILE TRAVELING ON YOUR SUMMER ROAD TRIP, PARK IN WELL-LIT, SECURE AREAS. TRY TO STOP AT MODERN REST AREAS AND REPUTABLE HOTELS WHERE YOU AND OTHERS WOULD QUICKLY NOTICE SUSPICIOUS OR STRANGE ACTIVITY. IF SOMEONE APPROACHES YOU AND DEMANDS YOUR VEHICLE, CALMLY GIVE IT TO THEM AND CALL THE POLICE WHEN THEY LEAVE.”

- SLOW SPEED WHEN PATROL LIGHTS DISPLAYED - PULL YOUR VEHICLE TO THE RIGHT & STOP IN A SAFE LOCATION
- PLACE THE VEHICLE IN PARK - LOWER YOUR DRIVER AND PASSENGER SIDE WINDOWS AND WAIT INSIDE
- KEEP BOTH HANDS ON THE STEERING WHEEL OR WHERE THEY ARE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES
- WAIT FOR THE OFFICER TO APPROACH AND LISTEN TO THE OFFICER'S INSTRUCTIONS
- IF YOU ARE CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, USE COMMON SENSE AND DO NOT REACH FOR IT
- IF NECESSARY, BE WILLING TO EXIT YOUR VEHICLE