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### TROOPERS ASK MOTORISTS TO PREPARE FOR WEEKEND TRAVEL

Alabama state troopers are encouraging motorists planning to travel to football games or other Labor Day weekend destinations to take precautions to help ensure a safe, problem-free trip.

“It’s always advisable to make sure vehicles are serviced and in good working order before setting out for travel destinations,” said Col. W.M. Coppage, Public Safety director. “With limited fuel supplies in some areas, motorists also are encouraged to fill their gasoline tanks in advance and refuel before gauges get too low.”

Coppage encouraged weekend motorists to keep an emergency first-aid kit in their vehicles, along with water, food, and other supplies they may need in the event of a breakdown. He also advised them to keep cell phones fully charged and to have emergency contact numbers readily available.

He said that troopers will be on patrol throughout the weekend and available to assist motorists during the period, but that resources would be limited and response time could be extended due to ongoing emergency response in south Alabama and Mississippi.

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