

Traffic is expected to be heavy during holiday

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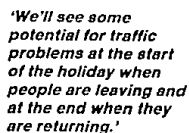
"We would anticipate that Labor Day travel should be at fairly high levels," Morris said. "The only thing we can go on is how things seem to have been so far this summer. And we have anticipated travel levels to be up 6 percent over 1985 -- our best travel year."

"We have found in the last 15 years that there is a definite difference in the weekend travel pattern. Instead of people coming back on Monday, they're coming back on Tuesday," Swan said.

But those who decide to begin their trips at 3-4 p.m. Friday will notice that traffic is getting a bit heavier than is usually experienced just before the evening rush hour. The heaviest traffic most likely will be experienced 4-10 p.m. Friday.

On Monday's return trip, traffic will be heaviest 1-2 p.m. and again 8-9 p.m. All directions leading into metropolitan Detroit, particularly on Monday, will present especially tough driving from 6 to 8 p.m., Swan said.

To accommodate the expected



— Sgt. Ray Granston
Hills officer

heavy volume of holiday traffic. MDOT officials will suspend all highway construction from 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, until 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2.

THE HEAVY traffic and increased number of motorists on the road means a busy weekend for the Michigan State Police, who patrol the highways.

Local police agencies, such as Farmington and Farmington Hills, generally don't beef up patrols because most traffic is traveling the highways, said Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills Police Department traffic division.

"Basically in the communities the

holiday weekends tend to have less trouble with traffic problems," Cranston said. "We'll see some potential for traffic problems at the start of the holiday when people are leaving and at the end when they are returning. But these are the weekends when the state police really earn their pay."

With a high rate of travel expected this weekend, state police will be out in force, with overtime being paid with the help of a federal grant, Sgt. Weldon Greiger of the Michigan State Police-Northville Post said.

Although the greatest number of

accidents generally occur during the July 4 holiday weekend, Labor Day is not far behind, Cranston said. Both Cranston and Greiger offered tips to ensure safety on the roads Labor Day weekend.

* PLACE SAFE driving higher on your holiday list for starters . . . even for shorter trips," Greiger said. "Remember most accidents and fatalities really do occur within 25 miles of home. That's becoming a cliché, but it's true."

Cranston and Greiger consider the use of seat belts, for both front and back seat occupants to be of greatest importance.

"Seat belts are without a doubt the most effective, cheapest and easiest to use safety device ever put in an automobile," Greiner said.

Approximately 80 percent of all drivers and passengers thrown from a vehicle during an accident are killed. Seat belts will at least keep occupants inside the vehicle, Greiger said.

If tired, motorists should pull over to the shoulder or into a rest area. As a rule, motorists should drive for only two-three hours at a time, po-

Motorists should maintain a safe distance between vehicles and signal for every intended movement. Kids should be kept busy at all times so they are not distracting or interfering with the driver, Cranston said.

And under no circumstances should motorists drink and drive, police said.

Lions' 65 Roses Club kickoff luncheon is set

Detroit Lions 65 Roses Club Kickoff luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9 in the Main Event, Silverdome, Pontiac.

65 Roses Lions Club is a Sports Club featuring Eric Hipple and Jeff Chadwick as honorary chairmen. Club members raise money for research in the fight against Cystic Fibrosis.

The club offers members the opportunity of attending selected Lions football games.

To join the club you pay an annual membership fee of \$100, which entitles each member to four tickets to three Lions home games. Members are also entitled to attend a special reception at a selected Monday night football game. The reception will feature a widescreen television at the Main Event and bar tended by Hippie, Chadwick and several other Lions players.

To complete the season, club members will celebrate with the

Lions at an end-of-season victory banquet

Members will also be making an additional pledge of \$5 a point up to 200 points scored. One dollar is given to fight Cystic Fibrosis for each additional point scored for an additional 100 points, bringing the total tax deductible contribution to \$1,200.


Cystic Fibrosis is the number one genetic killer of children and young adults in the United States today.

The disease attacks the lungs and digestive system of its victims by producing an abnormal accumulation of mucus, which clogs the ducts leading to the stomach. Breathing is also affected by the disease.

Although many strides are being made in the research and medical care of patients, the average life span of CF victims is still only 22 years of age.

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