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The North Carolina Highway Patrol and local agencies will be cracking down on aggressive drivers during the July 4th holiday.

According to Captain Everett Clendenin, of the state Highway Patrol, troopers will be using LIDAR technology and other speed timing devices to help them in enforcing speed laws.

Troopers will also target aggressive drivers who speed excessively, follow too closely, make erratic lane changes, and other forms of reckless endangerment.

Law enforcement agencies have also been asked to keep an eye on motorists who litter. According to new laws passed by state lawmakers, first-time offenders can be fined as much as \$1,000 and be ordered to perform up to 24 hours of community service.

According to Governor Bev Perdue's office, state and local law enforcement officers will also be out in full force looking for drunk drivers as part of the "Booze it & Loose it: Operation Firecracker" campaign.

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