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DUI patrols added for crash prevention in October

Bismarck – Fifty law enforcement agencies across the state are adding extra patrols for *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* traffic safety enforcement this month. Last year in North Dakota, the month of October ranked the highest for alcohol-related crashes with a total of 100—a rate of 3.23 per day.

“Saturation patrols have proven effective in getting impaired drivers off the roads and streets, especially when law enforcement agencies work together,” said Lt. Tom Iverson, Safety and Education Officer for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. The North Dakota Highway Patrol and Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, McLean and Morton County Sheriffs’ Departments are participating in the increased enforcement in October, along with Police Departments in Bismarck, Lincoln and Mandan.

“Our patrols will do their part, but we can all be a part of making our roads safer by making sure our friends and family are sober drivers,” added Iverson. “Citizens are encouraged to call 9-1-1 if they suspect a driver is impaired.”

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) grants funds for extra DUI enforcement as part of an overall effort to reduce deaths and injuries on North Dakota roads.

“A crash where alcohol and/or drugs is involved is not the result of a random chance—it’s the result of a driver’s choice to get behind the wheel while impaired and put lives in jeopardy, including their own,” said Karin Mongeon, NDDOT Safety Division Director. “Impaired driving crashes are 100 percent preventable,” Mongeon added.

Learn more about traffic safety initiatives at dot.nd.gov, ndcodefortheroad.org or join the conversation on the *Code for the Road* Facebook or Twitter page.

Families are invited to create memorials for those who have died in crashes in North Dakota at ndcodefortheroad.org/memorial/.

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