



NEWS – Statewide Law Enforcement

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Impaired driving enforcement in March results in 158 alcohol or drug-related arrests and citations

Statewide – Law enforcement patrols across the state worked more than 1,300 overtime hours for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign during the month of March. These extra patrols resulted in 1,336 traffic stops across North Dakota with 158 arrests and/or citations being alcohol or drug-related. These numbers reflect the totals reported from 44 of the participating law enforcement agencies, including the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

A total of 834 citations were attributed to the added patrols with 93 accounting for driving under the influence (DUI) arrests or refusal of a test. There were another 27 arrests or citations for other alcohol-related violations and 38 drug-related arrests. Tickets for speeding were the largest portion of the citations at 270. The traffic stops also resulted in one felony violation arrest.

The primary goal of high-visibility enforcement in March was to prevent impaired driving, especially during the time period around the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Funding for additional traffic safety enforcement is provided by federal grant money distributed through the NDDOT. High-visibility enforcement for traffic safety is one element of a collaborative effort to eliminate motor vehicle deaths in North Dakota.

Learn more about traffic safety initiatives at ndcodefortheroad.org or join the conversation on the *Code for the Road* Facebook or Twitter page. Memorials to North Dakota crash fatalities can be seen at ndcodefortheroad.org/memorial.

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