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Always drive sober or find a sober ride

MANDAN, N.D. – Law enforcement across the state will have extra patrols to remove impaired drivers from the road during *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* from Dec. 15 – Jan. 31, 2024.

Alcohol is a factor in 35-40 percent of fatal crashes annually in North Dakota, yet each fatality is 100% preventable by driving sober or finding a sober ride.

"Alcohol reduces coordination and ability to track moving objects, difficulty steering and reduced response, making driving difficult and dangerous" said Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier. "There's no reason to risk putting yourself and others in danger. Always drive sober or find a sober ride."

This campaign is part of the <u>Vision Zero</u> strategy to eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads.

Visit the <u>North Dakota Crash Memorial Wall</u> to view memorials built on the hope of preventing another death on North Dakota roads.

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