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## Always drive sober or find a sober ride

GRAND FORKS, 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.

"If you plan on celebrating the holidays this month, make the plan to have a sober ride," said Grand Forks County Sheriff Andy Schneider. "Even a small amount of alcohol can affect driving ability, such as a decline in vision and the ability to perform two tasks at the same time. Get a sober ride and make it home safely."

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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