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Always drive sober or find a sober ride

WILLISTON, 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.

"Driving impaired is illegal because it isn't safe," said Burke County Sheriff Nick Throntveit. "Driving impaired puts yourself and others in harm's way. Make the positive choice to always drive sober."

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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