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## Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Begins March 1

*Dickinson, ND-* Law enforcement across the state will once again have extra patrols to remove impaired drivers from the road. The statewide enforcement campaign *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* begins March 1 through March 31.

Over the past five years<sup>1</sup> (2014-2018), 43 percent of fatal crashes were known to involve alcohol. This is a nearly 12 percent reduction over the previous five-year period (2013-2017).

Arrests for DUI are 100% preventable if a driver would take personal responsibility to drive sober or plan to have a sober ride.

"Law Enforcement takes a strong position on always driving sober and "*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*" reinforces the message to always find a sober ride," said Lieutenant Steven Fischer of the North Dakota Highway Patrol. "Take accountability for your life, your passengers and fellow motorists by always driving sober."

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

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2018 data is preliminary and subject to change.