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## Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Begins March 1

*Minot, 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.

"The goal of Vision Zero can only happen when drivers take personal responsibility for their actions," said Lieutenant Jamie Huschka of the North Dakota Highway Patrol. "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is a reminder to make a difference in your life and lives of others by always choosing to drive sober or to plan for a sober driver."

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.