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Extra Law Enforcement Patrols Watching for Underage Drinking

Bismarck, ND - From April 1 to May 19, law enforcement agencies across North Dakota will have extra patrols enforcing the law against underage drinking, as well as conducting compliance checks and shoulder taps, as part of the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign.

Proms and graduations will soon be in full swing and with them the potential for teens and young adults to be influenced to use alcohol and/or drugs. This enforcement effort goal is to deter teens from underage drinking and educate them that it is illegal and dangerous. In fact, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury-related death for North Dakota teens. There are zero excuses for driving under the influence.

“After a long winter it can be exciting for teens to begin participating in activities that signal the end of the school year is near, but it can also be a time where they are faced with making difficult choices,” said Bismarck Police Lieutenant Jeff Solemsaas. “*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* helps remind parents to talk to their kids about what positive choices are available when faced with consuming drugs or alcohol.”

If law enforcement does find anyone underage consuming or in possession of alcohol, those individuals could end up in court and ordered to pay fines.

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

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