

# VISION ZERO

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## Extra Law Enforcement Patrols Watching for Underage Drinking

*Grand Forks, 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.

“This enforcement campaign is never about how many citations we can administer,” says Pembina County Sheriff Terry Meidinger. “For law enforcement, this campaign is about letting teens and young adults know about the dangers of consuming drugs or alcohol and then driving impaired. The educational piece is a priority for us.”

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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