

VISION ZERO

Zero fatalities. Zero excuses.

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U Drive. U Text. U Pay. Begins Statewide on April 1

Williston, ND- Texting and driving is illegal in North Dakota and law enforcement across the state will have extra patrols to enforce the state's distracted driving law from April 1-30 for the nationwide *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.* campaign.

Last year, more than 370 citations were issued in North Dakota to distracted drivers during the state's two enforcement periods (April and September). Distraction is more than just taking your eyes off the road. Distracted driving also includes taking your hands off the wheel or taking your mind off driving. Distracted driving takes on many forms; however, texting is one of the most common across the nation

"Our goal is for everyone to arrive at their destinations safely. Technology has become part of our driving experience, but it can be a distraction," says Watford City Police Chief Shawn Doble. "A great way to limit this is to download and use a "do not disturb" mobile phone application while driving. Concentrate on driving without distractions, so all of us can arrive alive."

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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