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Law Enforcement Reminder: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Fargo, ND- Beginning December 13 until January 31, law enforcement across the state will have extra patrols to remove impaired drivers from the road as part of the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign.

The holiday season is known for bringing family and friends together for celebrations, and with it the temptation to drive impaired. Alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle crashes, fatalities, and arrests for DUI are 100% preventable – no matter the season. Drivers should always take personal responsibility by driving sober, designating a sober driver, or using a ride-hailing service.

Preliminary data in 2019 shows nearly 43% of North Dakota motor vehicle fatalities involved alcohol, a 10% increase from the same time period in 2018.

"Make the choice to always drive sober, or make sure you have a sober ride," says Traill County Sergeant Shawn Skager. "*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* is an important reminder to motorists that impaired driving is 100% preventable."

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 Wall</u> to view memorials built on the hope of preventing another death on North Dakota roads.

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