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## Beginning March 1: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

*Minot, ND*- Preliminary data for 2019 shows 42% of all vehicle fatalities were alcohol-related. In order to save lives and remove impaired drivers from the road, law enforcement across the state will have extra patrols for *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*, beginning March 1 through March 31.

Alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle crashes, fatalities and arrests for DUI are 100% preventable. Many lives would be saved in North Dakota each year if every driver consistently makes the choice to drive sober or designate a sober driver.

"Prevent a tragedy in your life and the lives of others by taking personal responsibility to always drive sober," said Surrey Police Chief Luis Coca, III. "We can all help reach the goal of Vision Zero when we choose to drive sober or have a sober ride."

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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