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Beginning March 1: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Williston, 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.

"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is about saving lives on the roadways," said Tioga Police Chief Corey Murphy. "Our increased presence during this campaign serves as a reminder to always make the choice to drive sober or find 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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