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U Drive. U Text. U Pay. begins September 1

Williston, ND - Distracted driving is dangerous and often deadly. Law enforcement across the state will have extra patrols to enforce the law on distracted driving for the *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.* enforcement period during the month of September.

186 citations were issued for distracted driving during April's enforcement period. Distracted driving takes on many forms; however, texting is one of the most common across the nation and is illegal in North Dakota.

"All drivers need to make the conscious decision to drive distraction-free to meet the goal of Vision Zero," says Williams County Sheriff Verlan Kvande. "Take personal responsibility when you drive and put your phone on silent so you aren't tempted to check it while driving, even when stopped at a stop sign or red light."

This campaign is part of the <u>Vision Zero</u> strategy to eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads.

Visit the <u>North Dakota Crash Memorial</u> wall to view memorials built on the hope of preventing another death on North Dakota roads.

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