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Speeding isn't just aggressive driving, it's deadly driving

WILLISTON, N.D. – Law enforcement across the state will have extra patrols enforcing speed limits and removing aggressive drivers from the road as part of the *Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine* enforcement campaign April 22 – May 22.

In 2021, nearly 27% of motor vehicle fatalities in North Dakota were speed-related. Speeding and/or aggressive driving is defined as speeding, driving too fast for conditions, following too close, or operating a vehicle in a reckless, negligent or aggressive manor.

North Dakotans should take personal responsibility while traveling by obeying all posted speed limits and driving according to road conditions. Remember to plan ahead and allow extra time when traveling so everyone can make it to their destination safely.

"Increased speed and aggressive driving increases the risk of crashes and injuries. Other vehicles and pedestrians may not be able to correctly judge the vehicle's distance, increasing the risk. We ask drivers to be aware of their surroundings and follow the posted speed limit," said Captain Rodney Dickerson of the Williston Police Department.

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

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