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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Enforcement for Underage begins October 12

Bismarck, ND - From October 12 to October 31, law enforcement across the state will have extra patrols to enforce the law on underage drinking, as well as conducting compliance checks and shoulder taps as a part of the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement campaign.

This enforcement effort is to remind teens that drinking alcohol underage is illegal. Law enforcement will also educate teens that no matter your age, driving under the influence of alcohol is not only illegal but also dangerous. If teens are found to be consuming or in possession of alcohol, those individuals could face fines and end up in court.

In 2017, 49% of motor vehicle fatalities in North Dakota were alcohol-related.

"With back to school activities in full swing we want to make sure teens are making the wise choice to not consume alcohol underage," says Burleigh County Sheriff Pat Heinert. "*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* is a great reminder to teens of the dangers and consequences their actions can have."

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

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