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## **Buckle up for safety patrols in July**

*Bismarck* – Now that summer travel is in full swing, many North Dakota law enforcement agencies will focus on traffic safety patrols throughout the month of July to remind travelers to slow down and buckle up. While travelling on North Dakota roads, motorists are advised to make sure everyone in the vehicle is wearing a properly fastened safety restraint. The North Dakota High Patrol (NDHP) is one of many law enforcement agencies participating in the increased emphasis on seat belt enforcement in July.

“Increased law enforcement presence tends to encourage folks to buckle up,” said Lt. Tom Iverson, the safety education officer for the NDHP.

“What we’d like to see is everyone buckling up as soon as they get in the vehicle, every time they get in the vehicle. Buckling up is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash. The NDHP wants everyone to arrive to their destination safely,” Iverson added.

Failure to wear seat belts is the primary factor associated with motor vehicle fatalities in North Dakota. In 2014, one unbelted vehicle occupant died somewhere in the state every 4.8 days.

Extra patrols are funded by the North Dakota Department of Transportation as part of an overall strategy to reduce deaths and injuries. With this support, almost fifty law enforcement agencies in North Dakota schedule Click It Or Ticket enforcement four times a year. More information about the traffic safety effort in North Dakota is available at the Code for the Road website, [codefortheroad.com](http://codefortheroad.com).