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Click It or Ticket in November to Save Lives

Bismarck – Forty-eight law enforcement agencies in the state are adding extra traffic safety patrols this month to improve the one thing that could most effectively save lives on North Dakota roads: increased seat belt use.

Failure to use seat belts continues to be the largest factor in motor vehicle crash deaths in North Dakota. In 2014, nearly 70 percent of vehicle occupants who died were not restrained.

“The bottom line is that seat belts save lives,” said Sgt. Luke Gardiner of the Bismarck Police Department. “If these enforcement crackdowns get people’s attention, and get them to buckle up, then we’ve done our job.”

The North Dakota Highway Patrol, along with Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, McLean, and Morton County Sheriffs’ Departments and Bismarck, Lincoln and Mandan Police Departments will be participating in this increased enforcement throughout November.

“Last year in North Dakota, nearly 80 percent of passenger vehicle occupants wearing a seat belt who were involved in a fatal crash received no injuries,” states Karin Mongeon, Safety Division Director, North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). “Wearing your seat belt costs you nothing, but not wearing it will. It could cost you a ticket, but most importantly, it could cost you your life.”

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) administers federal grant funding for extra seat belt enforcement as part of an overall effort to prevent deaths and injuries on North Dakota roads.

Learn more about traffic safety initiatives at dot.nd.gov, ndcodefortheroad.org or join the conversation on the *Code for the Road* Facebook or Twitter page.

Families are invited to create memorials for those who have died in crashes in North Dakota at ndcodefortheroad.org/memorial.

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