



NEWS – Statewide Law Enforcement

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Impaired driving enforcement in October results in 150 alcohol or drug-related arrests and citations

Statewide – Law enforcement patrols across the state worked more than 930 overtime hours for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign during the month of October. These extra patrols resulted in 822 traffic stops across North Dakota with 150 arrests and/or citations being alcohol or drug-related. These numbers reflect the totals reported from 40 of the participating law enforcement agencies, including the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

A total of 576 citations were attributed to the added patrols with 91 accounting for driving under the influence (DUI) arrests or refusal of a test. There were another 36 arrests or citations for other alcohol-related violations and 23 drug-related arrests. Tickets for speeding were the largest portion of the citations at 142. The traffic stops also resulted in five felony violations.

“We’re grateful for the dedicated officers, troopers, and deputies who put in extra hours to help protect their communities during this overtime enforcement. On average since 2008 in North Dakota, October has seen the highest number of alcohol-related crashes,” said Karin Mongeon, North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Safety Division Director. “With their efforts a total of 91 DUI arrests were made last month, possibly saving countless lives.”

Funding for additional traffic safety enforcement is provided by federal grant money distributed through the NDDOT. High-visibility enforcement for traffic safety is one element of a collaborative effort to eliminate motor vehicle deaths in North Dakota.

Learn more about traffic safety initiatives at ndcodefortheroad.org or join the conversation on the *Code for the Road* Facebook or Twitter page. Memorials to North Dakota crash fatalities can be seen at ndcodefortheroad.org/memorial.

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