



## NEWS – Statewide Law Enforcement

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### 674 Citations for Seat Belt, Child Restraint in November

*Statewide* – Extra traffic safety patrols during the month of November resulted in over 2,000 citizen contacts across North Dakota. Thirty-eight law enforcement agencies, including the North Dakota Highway Patrol, reported additional shifts in November for *Click It Or Ticket* seat belt enforcement.

A total of 2,106 citations were attributed to the added patrols. Of the total, 653 were citations for failure to use a proper safety restraint and 21 were child restraint citations. Tickets for speeding totaled 891. The traffic stops also resulted in one felony violation, 29 drug arrests and seven DUIs.

Increased law enforcement for traffic safety is one element of a collaborative effort to eliminate roadway deaths in North Dakota. Seat belt use is crucial to preventing motor vehicle crash injuries and deaths. Sixty-nine percent of those who died in passenger vehicle crashes in North Dakota in 2014 were unbelted. Last year's crash data also showed that nearly 80 percent of passenger vehicle occupants wearing a seat belt who were involved in a fatal crash received no injuries.

Funding for additional traffic safety enforcement is provided by federal grant money distributed through the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT).

Learn more about the effort to prevent crash deaths when you search #Savethe20 and join the conversation on the *Code for the Road* Facebook or Twitter page. Traffic safety program information is available at [www.ndcodefortheroad.org](http://www.ndcodefortheroad.org).

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