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Subject: [Over 2,100 safety enforcement contacts made within two weeks](#)

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Bismarck – Motorist contacts during the two-week Memorial Day seat belt enforcement campaign put law enforcement officers face-to-face with citizens 2,170 times. Thirty-two law enforcement agencies participated in this extra enforcement with the goal to help prevent crash fatalities by educating motorists the importance of buckling up.

During this extra enforcement, the majority of citations across the state were issued for speeding, a total of 739. In all, 40 citations were issued for child restraint violations along with 714 seat belt citations. Other statewide results included 18 drug arrests, seven DUIs and four felony arrests.

Seat belt enforcement is one strategy to reduce deaths and injuries on North Dakota roads. The majority of motorists would rather buckle up than get a ticket, which in turn helps save lives. Last year in North Dakota, nearly 70 percent of motor vehicle fatalities were not wearing their seat belt.

Funding for additional traffic safety enforcement is provided by federal grant money distributed through the North Dakota Department of Transportation. The calendar for increased traffic safety law enforcement is available at codefortheroad.com. The next grant-funded seat belt enforcement period in North Dakota is during the month of July.

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