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Seat belt enforcement results in 810 citations in January

Reports from 32 law enforcement agencies show extra patrols focused on seat belt enforcement resulted in 810 citations for failure to use seat belts and 36 citations for violations of North Dakota's child safety restraint law.

"North Dakota's seat belt law is seriously enforced by officers across the state," said Sergeant Justin Blinsky of the Jamestown Police Department, one of the participating agencies. "We enforce the law to save lives," he said.

"It's unlawful to operate a motor vehicle without wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt—aside from the fact that seat belts are one of the most effective safety features in a vehicle," said Blinsky. "A ticket may remind a driver to buckle up next time—and that might be enough to protect them from serious injury if a crash happens."

In its effort to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the state's roadways, the North Dakota Department of Transportation addresses seat belt use through both enforcement and education.

Funding for increased traffic safety enforcement is provided by the North Dakota Department of Transportation with funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Learn more about the efforts to reduce roadway deaths and serious injuries in North Dakota at www.codefortheroad.com.

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