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Extra Patrols for Holiday Weekend

BISMARCK, N.D. – Highway Patrol troopers will actively patrol the state’s roadways this weekend to enhance motorist safety. All traffic laws will be strictly enforced. Beginning Friday, troopers will join local law enforcement agencies in a Click It or Ticket campaign through July 31. This overtime program, funded by a federal grant administered by the ND Department of Transportation, allows the NDHP to put additional troopers on the roadway. Troopers will also focus on alcohol-related violations, removing impaired drivers from behind the wheel.

This year, 42 people have died in traffic crashes in the state, compared to 52 this time last year. Half the victims were unrestrained and 45 percent died in alcohol-related crashes. Last year, one person died in a traffic crash during the July 4 holiday weekend.

“Every driver has the responsibility to make safe decisions while traveling, which becomes especially important during the busy holiday weekend,” said Colonel Michael Gerhart. Buckle up, obey posted speed limits, avoid distractions, and always drive sober. Motorists are encouraged to report erratic driving behavior and possible DUI drivers by calling 911.

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