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**Drunk Driving is NO Accident, Law Enforcement will be Cracking Down
*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown 12/18/20 – 1/1/21***

December 14, 2020 (Lincoln, Neb.) — Over a 1,000 people are killed or injured every year in Nebraska because of alcohol related crashes - this is no accident. NDOT Highway Safety Office along with Nebraska State Patrol and over 65 law enforcement agencies across the state are working together for the National Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown. From December 18, 2020 through January 1, 2021, law enforcement across the Nebraska will show zero tolerance for drunk/impaired driving.

Some people drive drunk because they think it's convenient. Some people think it's worth the risk. You might even think a DUI is no big deal. Over 1,500 crashes were the result of a drinking driver in Nebraska in 2019. More than 6,400 people were arrested for DUI in Nebraska in 2019 and over 90% were convicted.

During the month of December 2018 in the U.S., 839 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver. During the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday periods in 2018 alone, there were more drunk-driving-related fatalities (285) than during any other holiday period that year. These fatalities are preventable, and drivers must remember that driving impaired by any substance — alcohol or other drugs — is deadly, illegal, and selfish behavior.

It is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, Get A Ride. A DUI costs more that you think.

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