

## Work Safe... Drive Safe

Happy New Year!

As we look back on 2012, you may have heard that our traffic fatalities have increased drastically. 170 people died on North Dakota roads in 2012 – the highest level in many, many years.

Over the past few years, nearly 70% of our traffic fatalities were not wearing a seat belt. Close to 50% of the fatalities have been on our county roads.

You can make a difference! Make it your new years resolution to wear your seat belt each and every time you are in your vehicle.

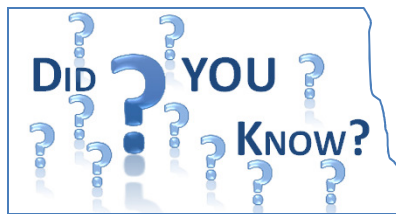
Enjoy the new year, and stay warm! And, as always – Buckle Up!

## FACTS. FIGURES.

Crashes	1/1/12 to 1/18/12	1/1/13 to 1/18/13	Increase/Decrease
Fatal Crashes	3	3	0
Fatal Victims	3	3	0
Alcohol Related Fatal Crashes	1	1	0
Alcohol Related Fatal Victims	1	1	0

Source: ND DOT

Safety Belt Usage of Fatal Victims	1/1/12 to 1/18/12	1/1/13 to 1/18/13
Wearing Safety Belts	1	1
Not Wearing Safety Belts	2	1
Usage Unknown	0	1
Usage Not Applicable	0	0



### Did you know...

Since it became effective in June, 2009, the primary seat belt law has increased seat belt compliance in Minnesota from 87 percent to a record-high 92 percent.

-Source: mnsafetycouncil.org



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