DON’T DRINK AND DRIVE THIS EASTER

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Chief Minister Adam Giles has urged Territorians to take care on the road this Easter and don’t drink and drive.

Mr Giles joined Northern Territory Police today to help launch ‘Operation Crossroads’, a national road safety campaign that will begin tomorrow.

“I know many Territorians are planning to celebrate the four day break tomorrow night, but I urge everyone; please don’t drink and drive.

“Random breath test stations will be out in force right across the Northern Territory for the long weekend and if you drink and drive you will be caught.

“Instead, plan ahead and arrange a sober bob if you’re only going to have a few drinks.”

Operation Crossroads will this year target the ‘Fatal Five’.

Drink-driving, failure to wear a seatbelt, distraction, fatigue and speed are all common factors that can cause road crashes.

“If you’re heading down the track this Easter going fishing or camping and driving long distances please slow down on the road and ensure you take adequate rest breaks,” Mr Giles said.

“Last year was a horror Easter on Territory roads with three fatalities.

“I call on all Territorians to take responsibility for their actions on the road and ensure this Easter is fatality free.

“I want everyone to return home to their family and friends this long weekend safely.”

Operation Crossroads will begin on Thursday 28 March and run for five days, including Easter Monday on 1 April.

The Northern Territory’s current road toll for 2013 is 3.

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