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DUI SATURATION PATROL CASS COUNTY-UPDATE

NARRATIVE: On Saturday, August 29, the North Dakota Highway Patrol and Cass County Sheriff's Office conducted a sobriety checkpoint on the westbound offramp of I-94 at the 45th street south exit in Fargo from 9 pm until midnight. A total of 657 vehicles entered the checkpoint, 35 drivers were tested. Three drivers were arrested for DUI. There were three drug arrests, two open container violations and one driver was charged with driving under suspension.

Drivers that entered the checkpoint who had not been drinking and were properly wearing their seat belts were offered cookies from Essentia Health emergency room nurses who volunteered to assist at the checkpoint.

NARRATIVE: On Saturday, August 29th, the North Dakota Highway Patrol and Cass County Sheriff's Office will conduct a DUI checkpoint and saturation patrol in Cass County to remove impaired drivers from the road.

Impaired driving and impaired driving related motor vehicle crashes continue to be a major threat to the safety of the motoring public throughout North Dakota. Through August 15 of this year, there have been 57 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 59 fatalities. Fifteen of these crashes, or 26.3%, involved a driver whose blood alcohol content was over the legal limit of .08%. These fifteen crashes resulted in 17 fatalities.

Sgt. Luke Hendrickson stated, "By working together, and choosing to designate a sober driver or call for a sober ride, you make the responsible choice to not endanger your life or the lives of others on the road."

The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which aims to establish a culture of personal responsibility where motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries are recognized as preventable. The strategy encourages all motorists to take personal responsibility for their safety and the safety of others on the road by driving sober, wearing seatbelts, and driving distraction-free.

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