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DUI ENFORCEMENT SCHEDULED IN STARK COUNTY **UPDATE**

NARRATIVE: 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 Oct. 17, 2020, there have been 76 fatalities in 73 crashes on North Dakota roads. Twenty-six of the fatalities (34.2%) involved a driver with a positive blood alcohol content.

In an effort to remove impaired drivers from the road, the North Dakota Highway Patrol and Dickinson Police Department will conduct a DUI checkpoint in Stark County on Friday, Oct. 23, from 7-9 pm. Following the checkpoint, saturation patrols will be conducted Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24.

Sgt. Chris Messer, North Dakota Highway Patrol, reminds drivers, "Consuming alcohol, illegal drugs, and prescription drugs affects your ability to make safe, responsible decisions when driving. Plan ahead and make the responsible choice to designate a sober driver so everyone arrives at their destination safely."

DUI enforcement efforts are one of many strategies being used by law enforcement to help North Dakota reach Vision Zero. The Vision Zero strategy of Zero Fatalities, Zero Excuses aims to establish a culture of personal responsibility where motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries are recognized as preventable and not tolerated.

Results: 123 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, none were tested and there were no arrests. During the saturation, 24 citations and 17 warnings were issued. There were 4 DUS arrests, 1 DUI arrest, 1 warrant arrest and one crash was investigated.

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