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## **Planned Enforcement for Grand Forks County**

**NARRATIVE:** The North Dakota Highway Patrol, along with the Grand Forks Sheriff's Office and Grand Forks Police Department, will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Grand Forks County on Friday, Oct. 9, beginning at 9 pm. Saturation patrols to remove impaired drivers from the roads will follow the checkpoint. Throughout the day on Saturday, Oct. 10, saturation patrols will be conducted in Grand Forks County.

Impaired driving and impaired driving related motor vehicle crashes are preventable, but both continue to be major threats to the safety of the motoring public in North Dakota. Through October 1 of this year, there have been 68 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 70 fatalities. Twenty-two of these fatal crashes, or 31.4%, involved a driver whose blood tested positive for alcohol content.

Sgt. Matt Johnson of the NDHP northeast region stated, "It is an individual choice to ensure personal safety and the safety of others on the road. This personal choice means planning ahead and designating a safe, sober ride home."

The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which focuses on personal responsibility regarding motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries. 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.

Results from these planned enforcements will be released early next week.

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