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## **Sobriety Checkpoint and Saturation Patrols - UPDATE**

**NARRATIVE:** On Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 a sobriety checkpoint will be held in Stutsman County, near Jamestown. The checkpoint will be held between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. After the conclusion of the checkpoint troopers will focus enforcement patrols within Stutsman County, in an effort to remove impaired motorists from the roadway.

So far in 2021 nine of the twenty-two traffic fatalities occurred during alcohol related crashes. Alcohol and drug-related crashes are preventable; every driver needs to consistently make the choice to always drive sober or to designate a sober driver.

**UPDATE:** During the sobriety checkpoint, 105 vehicles went through the checkpoint and two drivers were evaluated for impairment, no arrests were made. Saturation patrols resulted in three arrests for driving under the influence and three arrests for drug related violations. The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to taking impaired drivers and illegal drugs off of North Dakota roadways as we work together to reach Vision Zero: zero fatalities and serious crashes on North Dakota roadways.

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