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**SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT AND SATURATION PATROLS
RAMSEY and MORTON COUNTIES - UPDATE**

NARRATIVE: On Friday, June 11, the North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, and Devils Lake Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint in Ramsey County. The checkpoint will be held between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Saturation patrols will be conducted after the checkpoint.

On Saturday, June 12, the North Dakota Highway Patrol will conduct a sobriety checkpoint, followed by saturation patrols in Morton County. The checkpoint will be held between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Saturation patrols will also be conducted after the checkpoint.

The purpose of the checkpoints and saturation patrols is to deter impaired driving and to take impaired drivers off the road. As of May 31, 2021, there have been 32 fatalities on North Dakota roadways. Eleven of the fatalities have been related to crashes involving alcohol.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which aims to establish a culture of personal responsibility for personal safety and the safety of others. Alcohol and drug-related crashes are preventable; every driver needs to consistently make the responsible choice to always drive sober or to designate a sober driver.

UPDATE: Due to high winds the sobriety checkpoint in Ramsey County on Friday, June 11, 2021, was cancelled. Troopers were able to conduct saturation patrols and issued a total of 22 citations. One driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

During the Morton County checkpoint on Saturday, June 12, approximately 150 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. Seven of the drivers were screened for possible impairment, no arrests were made. During the saturation patrols that followed, three drivers were arrested for driving under the influence.



The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to taking impaired drivers off North Dakota roadways. Zero Fatalities Zero Excuses

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