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## **Stark County Enforcement Event**

**NARRATIVE:** On Friday, Sept. 30, the North Dakota Highway Patrol and the Dickinson Police Department will conduct a DUI checkpoint at a predetermined location in Stark County. Following the checkpoint on Friday and continuing Saturday, Oct. 1, the North Dakota Highway Patrol will conduct saturation patrols in the Stark County area.

Impaired driving and impaired driving related motor vehicle crashes are a major threat to the safety of those traveling on North Dakota's roadways. Stark County has been identified as an area of concern regarding impaired driving. Through Sept. 20 of this year, there have been 74 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 75 fatalities. Alcohol was involved in 18 (24%) of the fatal crashes. The weekend's sobriety checkpoint and saturation events reflect NDHP's ongoing efforts to maintain roadway safety by targeting specific times and locations to have a greater impact at reducing impaired driving.

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 by driving sober, wearing seatbelts, and driving distraction-free. Results from these planned enforcements will be released early the week following the event.

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