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SOUTHWEST REGION ENFORCEMENT PLANNED-RESULTS

UPDATE: The North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) with assistance from the Dickinson Police Department, conducted a sobriety checkpoint on Friday, October 20 in Dickinson. One-hundred-six vehicles went through the checkpoint, eight drivers were tested for DUI. There were no citations or arrests made during the checkpoint. The NDHP conducted saturation patrols in the Dickinson area following the checkpoint on Friday, October 13 and on Saturday, October 14. During the enforcement event, four citations and 13 warnings were issued, no arrests were made.

NARRATIVE: On Friday, October 20, the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) along with the Dickinson Police Department (DPD) will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in the Dickinson area. Following the checkpoint on Friday and continuing throughout the weekend, the NDHP and DPD will conduct saturation patrols in Stark County.

The weekend's sobriety checkpoint and saturation events are part of the NDHP's ongoing efforts to maintain roadway safety for the traveling public.

NDHP Sgt. Christopher Messer stated, "Driving a motor vehicle requires acceptance of personal responsibility not only for the driver's safety but also for the safety of others traveling on the roadway. Pledge to never drive while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any substances that can compromise your driving capabilities and decision-making abilities."

Through October 6 of this year, there have been 75 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 85 fatalities; seventeen (20%) of those fatalities involved alcohol.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which encourages all motorists to take personal responsibility for their personal 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 the week following the event.

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