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NORTHWEST REGION TO CONDUCT ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

NARRATIVE: The North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) and the McHenry County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint at a predetermined location in McHenry County on Friday, September 20. In conjunction with the checkpoint, saturation patrols will also be conducted in McHenry County on September 20. The goal of these enforcement operations is to enhance roadway safety by removing impaired drivers and reducing the number of alcohol-related crashes.

NDHP Northwest Regional Sgt. Joshua Gudvangen emphasized the importance of these enforcements to keep roadways safe, " Driving sober is one of the simplest ways to prevent crashes. Impaired driving isn't just breaking a law; it is endangering lives. Roadways are shared spaces, and everyone should be able to travel without fear of being harmed by other drivers' irresponsible choices."

Through September 10 of this year, there have been sixty-five fatalities in 59 crashes on North Dakota roadways; 15.4% of the crashes involved alcohol.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol and other Vision Zero partners, remind all motorists, motorcycle drivers, OHV drivers, and bicyclists to share the road; ensure all occupants are wearing a seatbelt; drive distraction-free; and always make the responsible choice to drive sober. Results from this planned enforcement will be released the week following the enforcement events.

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