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SOUTHWEST AND NORTHWEST REGIONS TO CONDUCT ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS JULY 4 WEEKEND UPDATE

UPDATE: The Grant County enforcement events were canceled due to the Vice President's visit that day to the Southwest Region.

Bottineau County: The checkpoint was located at the intersection of Highway 43 and Lake Loop Road West from 8 PM- 10 PM. 97 vehicles were stopped at the checkpoint; two drivers were tested for DUI, no arrests were made. During the saturation patrol, there were no arrests or alcohol-related violations.

NARRATIVE: To enhance public safety by targeting impaired drivers and reducing the number of alcohol-related crashes, the northwest and southwest regions of the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) will be conducting enforcement efforts during the July 4 holiday weekend.

On Friday, July 4, the NDHP, along with the Bottineau County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Bottineau County. That same day, the NDHP and Grant County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint in Grant County. Saturation patrols will be conducted in both Bottineau and Grant Counties following the checkpoint.

NDHP Northwest Regional Sergeant Michael Brown reminds all motorists, "Responsible, safe driving saves lives—especially during the busy 4th of July holiday weekend. Plan a safe ride home ahead of time and never drive impaired. Let's work together to ensure everyone gets home safely to enjoy celebrating the holiday with their loved ones."

Through June 20, 2025, there have been thirty-five fatalities in 34 crashes on North Dakota roadways; twenty percent of the crashes involved alcohol. Nine of the fatalities involved motorcycles.

NDHP Southwest Regional Sergeant Erin Quinn reiterated the need to make responsible driving choices for all drivers and motorcycle drivers stating, "Drinking and riding a motorcycle is a deadly combination. Motorcycles require sharp focus, quick reflexes, and full coordination

—abilities that are severely impaired by alcohol. Even a small amount can affect your judgment and reaction time, putting your life and the lives of others at serious risk."

The North Dakota Highway Patrol reminds all motorists, motorcycle drivers, OHV drivers, and bicyclists to share the road; ensure all occupants are wearing seatbelts; drive distraction-free; and always make the responsible choice to drive sober. Results from these planned enforcements will be posted to the NDHP website the week following the enforcement events.

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