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## **VALLEY CITY PLANNED ENFORCEMENT**

**NARRATIVE:** To enhance public safety by targeting impaired drivers and reducing the number of alcohol-related crashes, the southeast region of the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) will be conducting enforcement efforts July 18.

On Friday, July 18, the NDHP, along with the Valley City Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Barnes County. Saturation patrols will be conducted in Barnes County following the checkpoint.

NDHP Southeast Regional Sergeant Jonathan Skalicky stated, "Recognizing impaired driving as a major contributor to fatal and serious crashes, these enforcement efforts and public awareness campaigns deter driving under the influence, encourage responsible driving decision and ultimately saves lives."

Through July 6, 2025, there have been forty fatalities in 39 crashes on North Dakota roadways; twenty percent of the fatalities involved alcohol.

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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