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SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT PLANNED IN WARD COUNTY-UPDATE 8/19/2019

NARRATIVE: On Saturday, August 17th, 2019, the North Dakota Highway Patrol partnered with the Ward County Sheriff's Department to conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Ward County #12A (55th St. SE) in Ward County from 9-11 PM. A total of 81 vehicles entered the checkpoint with 1 driver being evaluated and arrested for DUI.

If a driver was not evaluated for impairment, the estimated time each vehicle was stopped at the checkpoint was 5-10 seconds.

NARRATIVE: On Saturday, August 17, the North Dakota Highway Patrol and Ward County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Ward County. For sober drivers, there will be minimal travel delay. Following the checkpoint, NDHP Troopers will conduct a saturation patrol to remove impaired drivers from the road.

Impaired driving and impaired driving related motor vehicle crashes continue to be a major threat to the safety of the motoring public throughout North Dakota. Through August 11 of this year, there have been 56 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 63 fatalities. Twenty-three, or 36.5%, of these fatal crashes were alcohol-related.

Results of these DUI enforcement efforts will be provided following the event.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol reminds the public to plan ahead, always designate a sober driver, and drive distraction free as we all work together toward Vision Zero.

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