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## **Williams County DUI Checkpoint-Update**

**UPDATE:** The North Dakota Highway Patrol conducted a sobriety checkpoint on Williams County Road 9 (Highway 85 business loop), south of Williams County Road 6 on Saturday, Sept. 28. One hundred and two vehicles passed through the checkpoint, no drivers were evaluated, and no arrests were made. The stop time for drivers at the checkpoint was between 15 and 20 seconds.

On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, the North Dakota Highway Patrol and Williams County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Williams 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 September 23 of this year, there have been 69 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 76 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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