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Sobriety Checkpoint Scheduled in Stark County

NARRATIVE: The North Dakota Highway Patrol, Dickinson Police Department, and Stark County Sherriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Stark County on Saturday, Nov. 2 to deter motorists from choosing to drink and drive. For sober drivers, the checkpoint may result in a minimal travel delay of 2-3 minutes. 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 are a major threat to public safety in our state. Through Oct. 15 of this year, there have been 78 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 87 fatalities. Thirty-two, or 41.0%, of these fatal crashes, involved a driver whose blood alcohol content was over the legal limit of .08%. Since Jan. 1 of this year, law enforcement officers statewide have made 3,812 DUI arrests.

NDHP Safety and Education Officer, Sgt. Wade Kadrmas, reminds drivers, "Consuming a substance that makes you feel different such as alcohol, illegal drugs, and prescription drugs can make you drive different. Make the responsible choice to designate a sober driver as we all work together toward Vision Zero." North Dakota's Vision Zero strategy aims to establish a culture of personal responsibility where motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries are recognized as preventable and not tolerated. The mission is to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes.

Results of the enforcement will be released following the event.

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