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Walsh County DUI Checkpoint Planned for Nov. 1 UPDATE

The North Dakota Highway Patrol and Walsh County Sheriff's Office conducted a sobriety checkpoint on Friday, Nov. 1 at the intersection of US Highway 81 and Walsh County Road 9, approximately 4 miles northwest of Grafton. The checkpoint was conducted from 9:00 pm until 11:30 pm.

A total of 97 vehicles passed through the checkpoint; each vehicle was at the checkpoint for 15-20 seconds. No drivers were evaluated for DUI evaluations; no arrests were made nor any citations issued at the checkpoint.

A saturation patrol was held in neighboring Grand Forks County Nov. 1 and Nov. 2. NDHP Troopers made one DUI arrest and issued 3 citations for Minor in Consumption.

The NDHP and other law enforcement conduct DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols as part of ongoing efforts to protect the safety of the motoring public and to encourage drivers to make the safe, responsible choice of not driving when impaired.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol and Walsh County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Walsh County on Friday, Nov. 1. 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 continue to be a major threat to the safety of the motoring public throughout North Dakota. 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%.



The North Dakota Highway Patrol reminds the public to plan ahead and always 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.

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