

SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT PLANNED IN MORTON COUNTY-UPDATE

On Friday, Oct. 25, the North Dakota Highway Patrol and Morton County Sheriff's Department conducted a sobriety checkpoint on Highway 25, approximately 2 miles north of I-94. One hundred fifty-six vehicles were screened, two drivers were tested, and no arrests were made at the checkpoint. Troopers conducted saturation patrols following the checkpoint and arrested 3 drivers for DUI.

NARRATIVE: On Friday, Oct. 25, the North Dakota Highway Patrol will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Morton County. For sober drivers, there will be 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%.

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 and plan ahead and 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 these DUI enforcement efforts will be provided following the event.

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