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SOUTHEAST REGION ENFORCEMENT PLANNED

NARRATIVE: On Saturday, July 25, the North Dakota State Patrol and Griggs County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Griggs County. Saturation patrols will be conducted following the checkpoint.

As of July 12, 2026, there have been 46 fatalities on North Dakota roadways. Ten of the fatalities (21.7%) were related to crashes involving alcohol.

Sgt. Nate King, ND State Patrol Southeast Regional Sergeant stated, "Drinking and driving is dangerous anywhere, but it can be especially deadly in rural areas due to narrow shoulders, limited lighting, gravel roadways, and longer response times for emergency services. A single decision to drive impaired can have life-changing consequences for you, your passengers, and others on the road. Prevent a tragedy, plan ahead and designate a sober driver."

The North Dakota State Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which aims to establish a culture of personal responsibility and that every driver needs to consistently make the responsible choice to always drive sober or plan for a sober ride home.

Results from this planned enforcement will be posted to the ND State Patrol website the week following the enforcement.

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