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NORTHEAST REGION ENFORCEMENT PLANNED

NARRATIVE: On Friday, August 21, the North Dakota State Patrol and Traill County Sheriff's Office will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Traill County. Saturation patrols will be conducted following the checkpoint.

As of August 8, 2026, there have been 59 fatalities on North Dakota roadways this year. Eleven of the fatalities (18.6%) were related to crashes involving alcohol.

Sgt. Christopher Schaefer, ND State Patrol Northeast Regional Sergeant stated, "We see firsthand how one decision to drive impaired can change lives forever. Make the responsible choice before the night begins and designate a sober driver to arrange a ride and make sure everyone gets home safely."

The North Dakota State Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which is built on the belief that no loss of life on our roads is acceptable. Through education, enforcement and responsible choices by every driver, we can work together toward the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roadways.

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

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