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SOUTHWEST REGION PLANNED ENFORCEMENT

NARRATIVE: On Saturday, October 3, the North Dakota State Patrol and Dickinson Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Stark County. Saturation patrols will be conducted Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3 in Stark County.

As of September 13, 2026, there have been 74 fatalities on North Dakota roadways this year. Twenty-one of the fatalities (28.4%) were related to crashes involving alcohol.

Sgt. Shawn Skogen, ND State Patrol Southwest Regional Sergeant stated, "Every life lost to impaired driving is preventable. Sobriety checkpoints are an important tool to deter impaired driving; remove dangerous drivers from the road; and reinforce the responsibility we all share to keep one another safe. Our goal is simple: everyone who travels North Dakota's roads should make it home safely."

The North Dakota State Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero goal that every life matters and no traffic death is acceptable. Through education, enforcement and responsible decisions behind the wheel, we can work together to prevent crashes, save lives and move North Dakota closer to zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways.

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

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