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NORTHEAST REGION PLANNED ENFORCEMENT

NARRATIVE: On Saturday, September 5, the North Dakota State Patrol will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at a predetermined location in Grand Forks County. Saturation patrols will be conducted on Friday, September 4 and Saturday, September 5.

As of August 29, 2026, there have been 72 fatalities on North Dakota roadways this year. Twenty-one of the fatalities (29.2%) were related to crashes involving alcohol.

Sgt. Tanner Smith, ND State Patrol Northeast Regional Sergeant stated, "Celebrate Labor Day and the end of summer responsibly; don't gamble with someone's life. If you've been drinking, hand over the keys and find a sober ride. One responsible decision can be the difference between a great weekend and a tragedy."

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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