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## **SOUTHEAST REGION ENFORCEMENT EVENTS**

**NARRATIVE:** On Friday, October 13, the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) along with the Richland County Sheriff's Office will conduct a DUI checkpoint at a predetermined location in Richland County. Following the checkpoint on Friday and continuing throughout the day on Saturday, October 14, the North Dakota Highway Patrol will conduct saturation patrols in Richland, Sargent, Dickey, and Ransom Counties.

Impaired driving and impaired driving related motor vehicle crashes threaten the safety of everyone traveling on North Dakota's roadways. Through September 28 of this year, there have been 71 fatal crashes on North Dakota roads resulting in 81 fatalities; thirteen of those fatalities involved alcohol. The weekend's sobriety checkpoint and saturation events are part of the NDHP's ongoing efforts to maintain roadway safety for the traveling public.

NDHP Sgt. Andrew Cashin stated, "Drivers hold a personal responsibility not only for their own safety but also for the safety of others traveling on our roadways. Before taking the wheel, pledge to yourself and your community to never drive while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any substances that can compromise your driving capabilities and decision-making abilities."

The North Dakota Highway Patrol is committed to the Vision Zero strategy which encourages all motorists to take personal responsibility for their personal safety and the safety of others on the road by driving sober, wearing seatbelts, and driving distraction-free. Results from these planned enforcements will be released early the week following the event.

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