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Vehicle Weight Enforcement - A Proven Best Practice

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North Dakota roads are the lifeline to communities across the state. Every year, North Dakota government entities spend millions of dollars to reconstruct and repair roads and bridges. In an effort to protect the infrastructure, at least six counties have found a means that is affordable and effective with their limited resources.

The counties of Barnes, Stutsman, Dickey, and LaMoure have shared a weight enforcement officer for the past four years. Pembina and Walsh counties have done the same thing, and they've hired one officer for weight enforcement a little over a year ago. These officers not only do weight enforcement, but educate the motor carrier industry on what the allowable weight limits are on their county roads. Carriers want to know how much weight their vehicles may carry, what are the legal axle and gross vehicle weight limits allowed on a vehicle, or how much more weight a vehicle can carry by adding additional axles.

Because of the significant economic development increase and truck traffic in Stutsman County, the county has determined it is necessary to hire a fulltime weight

enforcement officer. Barnes, Dickey, and LaMoure counties plan to continue sharing an officer for weight enforcement and education.

Having a weight enforcement officer encourages the motor carrier industry to "be legal". These counties demonstrate best practices for providing a weight 'enforcement' entity where limited revenue and manpower resources are a reality. *Safer roads make for safer travel.*



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