



# Huntington Beach Police Department

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Release Date/Time:** May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:00 AM

**Subject:** Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint Results

**Case Number:** N/A

### Details:

#### **DUI Checkpoint Nets 4 DUI Arrests, 1 DUI Warrant Arrest, and 2 Citations for Unlicensed Drivers**

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, on Main Street and Palm Avenue from 7:15 PM to 2:20 AM. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public. Over the past 12 months, there have been 8 alcohol related collisions on Main Street. These resulted in 2 injuries to the vehicles occupants. There have also been 59 citations issued to drivers on Main Street for being unlicensed or driving on a suspended/revoked license.

Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk and/or drug impaired, unlicensed, or with a suspended/revoked license. Checkpoints help to bring more awareness to motorists and encourage everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any DUI enforcement strategies. Here are some of our statistics from Friday's checkpoint:

- 465 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 465 Vehicles screened and given pamphlet with information on DUI
- 7 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 4 DUI-Alcohol impaired drivers arrested
- 1 DUI warrant arrest
- 2 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed
- 2 Vehicle impounded
- 5 Citations issued for various code violations

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoint on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Huntington Beach Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. Report Drunk Drivers. Call 911!