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Subject: Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint Results

Case Number: N/A

Details:

DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 DUI Arrests, 1 Warrant Arrest, and 5 Citations for Unlicensed Drivers

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on Saturday, September 20th, 2014, on Main Street at Yorktown Avenue from 7:25 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 11 alcohol related collisions on Main Street. These resulted in one person being injured and two fatalities. There have also been 67 citations issued to drivers on Main Street for driving without a license 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 Saturday's checkpoint:

- 1082 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 1003 Vehicles screened and given pamphlet with information on DUI
- 6 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 2 DUI-Alcohol impaired drivers arrested
- 1 Warrant Arrest
- 5 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed
- 0 Vehicle impounds
- 8 Citations issued for various code violations

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoint sometime in October as part of 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!