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Subject: Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint Results

Case Number: N/A

Details:

DUI Checkpoint Nets 4 DUI Arrests, 1 Public Intoxication Arrest, and 14 Citations for Unlicensed Drivers

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on Saturday, August 16th, 2014, at Beach Blvd. and Slater Avenue from 7:30 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 35 alcohol related collisions on Beach Blvd. These resulted in 14 injuries to the vehicles' occupants and one fatality. There have also been 241 citations issued to drivers on Beach Boulevard for being unlicensed and 66 citations for 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:

- 3520 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 1129 Vehicles screened and given pamphlet with information on DUI
- 6 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 4 DUI-Alcohol impaired drivers arrested
- 1 Public Intoxication Arrest
- 14 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed
- 1 Vehicle impounded
- 12 Citations issued for various code violations

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoint on September 20th, 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!