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# NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: **ANAHEIM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SET UP D.U.I. CHECKPOINT ON DECEMBER 13, 2008**

The Anaheim Police Department will set up a DUI Sobriety Checkpoint on **Ball Road east of Beach Boulevard** on **Saturday, December 13, 2008** from 8:00 PM to 2:30 AM Sunday, December 14th. This is the first checkpoint of six to be held during the next 12 months. Funding for the "Avoid" program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Anaheim Police Department was awarded a grant totaling \$192,657.00 to supplement their ongoing enforcement program targeting DUI. In addition to the checkpoints, there are a total of 46 directed saturation patrols scheduled throughout the year plus several warrant service programs and surveillance programs targeting multiple offenders. A "hotsheet" of repeat offenders is made available to officers so they can focus on the more serious offenders, the ones who have proven themselves dangerous to the motoring public.

The warrant service programs are meant to reduce the number of outstanding DUI warrants for persons with residences in the city. The surveillance of repeat offenders will stop them before they have a chance to go out onto our city streets.

The sobriety checkpoint is a method favored by the Office of Traffic Safety to enhance public awareness about the dangers of DUI. Driver's license checks made during the checkpoints ensures additional safety for all. Seeing the police out in force checking for violations may just stop the occasional DUI who thinks they may not get caught. Traffic safety brochures are handed out during the checkpoints. Enforcement is always heavy during the holiday seasons.

Anyone with questions regarding the program can call Anaheim Police Public Information Officer-Sergeant Rick Martinez at (714) 765-1521.



## Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving Don't Let This Fourth of July Blow Up in Your Face!

Drunk driving is one of California's deadliest problems. In 2006 (latest figures available), 4,196 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes. There were 1,597 killed in traffic crashes that were alcohol involved, with another 31,099 injured.

Much of the tragedy from drunk driving can be prevented with a few simple precautions before going out to celebrate:

- § Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin
- § Before drinking, designate a sober driver and give that person your keys
- § If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely
- § If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to Call 9-1-1
- And remember, *Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk*. If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Driving impaired is simply not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant. Violators will face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses.