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Subject: **ANAHEIM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SET UP D.U.I. CHECKPOINT ON FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

The Anaheim Police Department will set up a DUI Sobriety Checkpoint on **State College Boulevard and La Palma Avenue** on **Saturday, February 28, 2009** from 8:00 PM to 2:30 AM Sunday, February 29th. This is the second checkpoint of six to be held during the next 12 months. Funding for this 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.

