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## *POLICE DEPARTMENT*

### News Release

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SUBJECT: Anaheim Police to host DUI Sobriety Checkpoint, February 12, 2010

The Anaheim Police Department Traffic Bureau is going to host a DUI Sobriety and Driver's License checkpoint on Friday, February 12, 2010, from 8:00 PM to 3:00 AM Saturday. This will be the third in a series of six checkpoints scheduled over the next 10 months. The funding for this checkpoint is provided by a DUI grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The checkpoint will be located on Magnolia Ave. in Anaheim, where officers will screen drivers for drunk driving and driving with a valid driver's license. The Anaheim Police Department received a DUI Grant for \$205,115 for a one year period. With this grant, the department will field a number of officers specifically to look for and arrest the DUI driver. The entire emphasis is to prevent DUI. DUI is a growing problem once again and results in death, injuries and an untold loss in property damage.

In addition to the DUI checkpoints, the Department is doing weekly saturation patrols and DUI warrant sweeps. Officers are going out with a list of outstanding warrants for suspects who failed to appear in court or failed to appear for their jail sentence. Drivers who are restricted to the use of an ignition interlock device are checked on to make sure they are complying with their driving restrictions. Ignition interlock devices require the driver to blow into a device which allows the vehicle to start only if the driver is sober. If the device senses the presence of alcohol, the vehicle will not start.

The Anaheim Police Department will continue to work with other Orange County police agencies under the California Avoid Grant. The Avoid Grant funds multi-agency DUI enforcement across Orange County. Four DUI Mobilization periods over selected holiday time frames get special attention under this grant.

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