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HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE TO COMBAT ROADWAY DEATHS AND INJURIES WITH DUI CHECKPOINTS

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been awarded a new traffic safety grant for an anti-DUI program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on our roadways. Additional enforcement measures to combat impaired driving are coming as a result of a recent \$107,500.00 grant awarded by the California Office of Traffic Safety to Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach Police Department is dedicated to keeping our streets safe through both enforcement and education.

The special DUI Checkpoint grant is to assist in efforts to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and other drug related collisions in the community. The grant activities will specifically target impaired driving offenders as well as educating the public on the dangers of impaired driving through the use of DUI/driver's license checkpoints. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving.

"DUI checkpoints have been an essential part of the phenomenal reduction in DUI deaths that we witnessed from 2006 to 2010 in California," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. "But since the tragedy of DUI accounts for nearly one third of traffic fatalities, Huntington Beach needs the high visibility enforcement and public awareness that this grant will provide."

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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