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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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**Type of Incident:** Sobriety/Driver's License Checkpoint

**Location:** City of Huntington Beach

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** August 31, 2013 @ 9:00 PM

**Case Number:** N/A

### **Details:**

### **DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint planned this weekend**

The Huntington Beach Police Department's Traffic Bureau will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 9:00 PM. Impaired driving puts everyone on the road in danger, and we are doing everything we can to ensure that motorists enjoy a safe, crash-free holiday weekend.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving alcohol drop by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted often enough. Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. Officers will also check drivers for proper licensing and will strive to delay motorists only momentarily.

In 2012, DUI collisions claimed 3 lives, resulted in 337 crashes and harmed 208 people in the City of Huntington Beach. So far in 2013, Huntington Beach has had 125 collisions, 61 people injured and 2 persons killed in DUI related collisions. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies. Based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

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. If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.