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Huntington Beach Police to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint

Drivers in the City of Huntington Beach will have to slow down, stay focused and not drink or do drugs before getting behind the wheel.

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be making an extra effort to keep our streets safe for everyone. Officers will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint on Saturday October 17, 2009.

It is the hope of the Department's Traffic Bureau to avoid serious injury and fatal collisions by interdicting DUI drivers before they have the chance to cause a tragedy. The Huntington Beach Police Department believes that a combination of prevention and enforcement will save lives, making our community a better place to live and work.

Throughout the holiday season, police will run extensive DUI saturation patrols. Here's how the public can help to take impaired drivers off the road before they hurt or kill themselves, someone they love or an innocent stranger.

If you see a driver who's all over the road, swerving, straddling the center line or driving into traffic going the other way, please call 911 on your cell phone. You can also watch for cars driving much too fast or much too slow, those that screech to a halt at a stop sign or stop light, or those driving at night with their headlights off or with their blinkers on all the time.

When you call, the dispatcher will want to know which way you're driving and where you are, and will ask for the description of the other car and its license plate. You'll be doing a real service for your community.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Huntington Beach Police Department is working in partnership with OTS to educate the community on traffic safety issues as well as helping to prevent DUI related traffic incidents.

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