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Type of Incident: Multi-location Sobriety and Driver's License Checkpoint Results

Location: Magnolia & Yorktown, Gothard & Warner, Bolsa Chica & Bolsa, Huntington Beach

Date/Time of Occurrence: February 15th, 2014 7:45 PM to 2:20 AM

Details:

DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 DUI Arrest and 10 Citations for Unlicensed/Suspended Drivers

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a multi-location Sobriety and Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday, February, 2014 from 7:45 PM to 2:30 AM. Two of the checkpoints were set up on arterial roadways and one on a secondary roadway. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk and/or drug impaired, unlicensed, or with a suspended/revoked license. Checkpoints help to bring more awareness to motorists and encourage everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies. Here are some of our statistics from Saturday's checkpoint:

711	Vehicles through the checkpoint	1	Warrant arrest for previous DUI
700	Vehicles screened for DUI and drivers license	9	Citations for driving while unlicensed
8	Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered	1	Citation for driving on a suspended license
1	DUI- Alcohol impaired suspect arrested	0	Vehicles impounded
1	DUI- Alcohol and medication impaired suspect arrested	7	Citations for various Vehicle Code violations

Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on April 11th, 2014, in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

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. Report Drunk Drivers. Call 911!