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

Location: Pacific Coast Highway and Admiralty Street, Sunset Beach

Date/Time of Occurrence: December 14th, 2013 7:15 PM to 2:20 AM

Details:

DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 DUI Arrests and 6 Citations for Unlicensed Drivers

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety and Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday, December 14th, 2013 from 7:15 PM to 2:20 AM. 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. Over the past year, there have been 25 alcohol related collisions on Pacific Coast Highway. These resulted in 25 injuries to the vehicles occupants. There has also been 104 citations issued to drivers on Pacific Coast Highway for being unlicensed or driving on a suspended/revoked license.

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:

2330	Vehicles through the checkpoint
1164	Vehicles screened and given a pamphlet with information about DUI
4	Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
2	DUI- Alcohol impaired suspects arrested
6	Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed
0	Vehicles impounded
4	Citations issued for other Vehicle Code violations

Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on December 27th, 2013 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. If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.