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Mission Bay Park DUI Checkpoint Nets 11 DUI Arrests

On March 31, 2016 the San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 4200 block of Mission Bay Drive. The checkpoint was made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) "STEP Grant."

The checkpoint was operational from 11:25 pm until 3:00 am. 912 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with 495 of those motorists being screened by officers. 15 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety in the checkpoint, and 11 arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint. 12 vehicle impounds were also conducted.

"The message is simple, ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.*** Drinking alcohol and driving do not mix. If you plan to consume alcohol, you should also plan not to get behind the wheel of a vehicle or ride a motorcycle," said Officer Mark McCullough.

The San Diego Police Department recommends these simple tips:

- Plan a safe way to get home ***before*** you attend the party. Alcohol impairs judgment, as well as reaction time. If you're drunk you're more likely to choose to drive drunk.
- Designate a sober driver, take public transportation, a car service, or a call a sober friend or family member to get home.
- Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as drunk driving. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.
- Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911.
- If you see someone you think is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them get home safely.

The national ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*** crackdown is led by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and NHTSA, with the California Avoid DUI Task Force Campaign, combining high-visibility enforcement and heightened public awareness through publicity.

Media Notes: To schedule an interview regarding Anti Drunk-Driving efforts, or request a ride-along with law enforcement during a holiday period, please contact Officer Mark McCullough at (619) 818-4860 or via email at **mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov**.