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Downtown DUI Checkpoint Nets 6 Arrests

San Diego – The San Diego Police Department, in cooperation with the Carlsbad Police Department, Escondido Police Department and California Highway Patrol, conducted a DUI/Driver License checkpoint on March 19, 2022, at 1400 G Street, between the hours of 10:25 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. 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. The checkpoint resulted in the following:

1478 Total vehicles through checkpoint

340 Vehicles screened

12 Drivers evaluated

6 DUI-Alcohol suspect arrested in or near the checkpoint

0 DUI-Drug impaired drivers arrested

0 Suspect arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)

0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges

1 Driver cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked

1 Citations issued

6 Vehicle impounds conducted

DUI/Driver License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$13,500 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

The San Diego Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Driver License Checkpoint or DUI saturation patrol on March 24, 2022, in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to “Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1”.

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