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Eleven Arrested and 51 Cited During Sideshow “Takeovers”

San Diego – Officers from the San Diego Police Department, National City Police Department, and the California Highway Patrol arrested 11 people and cited another 51 during sideshow takeover events this weekend.

On September 3rd, SDPD’s Traffic Division and CHP were made aware of a planned sideshow takeover set to occur in the late evening. Sideshow Takeover crews targeted intersections within the City of San Diego at Recho Road and Carroll Road, Juniper Park Lane and Sorrento Valley Boulevard, Flanders Court and Flanders Drive, Via Del Norte and La Jolla Boulevard, Kearny Villa Road and Topaz Way, Thorne Street and 43rd Street, and the intersection of Kenwood Drive and Bancroft Street in Spring Valley.

In a joint-agency effort, SDPD, the CHP, and the National City Police Department assembled dozens of law enforcement officers to ensure public safety. The operation was intended to prevent, deter, and disrupt illegal activities associated with these events.

Officers pursued and deterred people participating, aiding, and spectating these events.

- Officers made 11 arrests for crimes including felony reckless driving, driving under the influence, reckless driving, exhibition of speed, speed contests, and spectating at an illegal event.
- Officers cited seven drivers for reckless driving and/or exhibition of speed, and their vehicles were impounded for 30-days.
- Officers cited seven individuals for aiding and abetting in a sideshow.
- Officers issued 37 hazardous and equipment citations and impounded ten of these vehicles.
- Four juveniles were present at these events after curfew. They were detained, cited, and released to their parents/guardians.

These dangerous acts often result in injury, violence, and property damage. They present serious dangers to the public. Fireworks are often used, elevating the likelihood of a fire during the current fire conditions. Damage caused by vehicles involved in these activities often requires repairs at each intersection, with an average cost of \$2,500 to \$18,000.

We will continue to address these illegal and dangerous acts on our public roadways. These activities have resulted in serious injury and loss of life. If anyone has any information relating to

these events, they are encouraged to contact SDPD or they may contact Crime Stoppers and remain anonymous.

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