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Joint Agency DUI Checkpoint Nets 7 Arrests

San Diego Police Department and California Highway Patrol held checkpoint in Pacific Beach

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Police Department's Traffic Division, in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol, conducted a DUI/Driver License checkpoint on October 17, 2026, at 2600 Ingraham St., between the hours of 10 p.m. and 2 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:

799 Total vehicles through checkpoint
380 Vehicles screened
22 Drivers evaluated
7 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested in the checkpoint
0 DUI-Drug impaired drivers arrested
0 Suspect arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)
0 Arrested on other Criminal Charges
0 Driver cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
0 Citations issued
7 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, and other expenses that can exceed $13,500.

The San Diego Police Department will be conducting additional DUI/Driver License Checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols 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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