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DUI Checkpoint & DUI Patrols Net 24 Arrests

The San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI Checkpoint on Thursday, March 17, 2011 as part of San Diego's commitment to public safety. The checkpoint was conducted at 4300 Mission Bay Drive in the Mission Bay area, and was one of many checkpoints that have been, or will be conducted throughout the year in the City of San Diego. The goal of the DUI Checkpoint was to heighten public awareness about the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, and to remove impaired drivers from the road.

At the checkpoint, 1409 vehicles were screened, and 49 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Of those detained, 19 drivers (38.77%) were arrested for DUI, with the remaining 30 having consumed a measurable level of alcohol. One of the arrested was also charged with possession of a controlled substance for sale, and transportation of narcotics.

The following is a summary of the activity at the Checkpoint:

1409 vehicles screened
19 drivers arrested for DUI
17 vehicles impounded
1 suspect arrested on additional felony narcotic violations

A separate DUI saturation patrol focused on the Pacific/Mission Beach areas, and the Gaslamp Quarter. The following is a summary of the saturation patrols:

37 Citations issued
12 Roadside DUI evaluations conducted
5 DUI arrests made
3 Vehicle impounds conducted

The operations were funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. To report DUI Drivers – Call 9-1-1.