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### **Downtown DUI Checkpoint And Patrol Net 12 Arrests**

On February 21, 2012 the San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 1400 block of G Street, in Downtown San Diego. This checkpoint was made possible by the “DUI Awareness and Enforcement Grant.”

The checkpoint was operational from 1950 to 0238 hours. 2349 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. 1705 of those vehicles were contacted by officers. 19 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Eight arrests were made for DUI in the checkpoint, and four additional motorists were arrested as a result of DUI saturation patrols near the Mardi Gras celebration. Eleven vehicle impounds were conducted at or near the checkpoint, and one DUI driver was also charged with possession of cocaine.

Funding for this DUI operation was provided to the San Diego Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, targeting those who still don't heed the message to designate a sober driver. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

**MEDIA NOTES:** To schedule an interview regarding the San Diego Traffic Safety Operations, please contact Officer Mark McCullough at (619) 818-4860 or via email at [mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov). To schedule an interview regarding impaired driving efforts and programs in California, please contact Chris Cochran, California Office of Traffic Safety at (916) 509-3063 or via email at [ccoehran@ots.ca.gov](mailto:ccoehran@ots.ca.gov).