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SDPD Labor Day Weekend DUI Checkpoints Net 28 DUI Arrests

The San Diego Police Department conducted three DUI checkpoints during the Labor Day Holiday weekend. The checkpoints were made possible by the "DUI Awareness and Enforcement Grant" from the Office of Traffic Safety.

The first checkpoint occurred on Friday, August 31st in the 1500 block of First Avenue in Downtown San Diego. The checkpoint was operational from 10:21 p.m., until 3:00 a.m. 2074 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. 1311 of those motorists were contacted by officers. 37 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Eleven arrests were made for DUI in the checkpoint, and 12 vehicle impounds were conducted.

The second checkpoint was held on Saturday, September 1st in the 600 block of East San Ysidro Boulevard in San Ysidro. The checkpoint was operational from 11:45 p.m., until 4:17 a.m. 333 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. 325 of those motorists were contacted by officers. 23 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Eleven arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint, and eleven vehicle impounds were conducted.

The final checkpoint was held on Monday, September 3rd in the 2400 block of Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach. The checkpoint was operational from 4:05 p.m., until 11:37 p.m. 3369 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. 1818 of those motorists were contacted by officers. 26 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Six arrests were made for DUI in the checkpoint, eight vehicles were impounded, and one arrest was made of a motorist with an outstanding DUI warrant.

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. Citizens are encouraged to report Drunk Drivers by – Calling 9-1-1!



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For statewide and local Avoid DUI Task Force Campaign Enforcement Schedules for the county and Daily DUI Arrest/Fatal Stats for the county and region, visit www.californiaavoid.org. The Program is funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety which reminds everyone to please – Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

Media Notes: To schedule an interview regarding Anti Drunk-Driving efforts, or request a ride-along with law enforcement during the holiday period, please contact Officer Mark McCullough at (619) 818-4860 or via email at mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov.

