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### **College Area and Pacific Beach DUI Checkpoints Net 30 Arrests**

On Friday, September 21, 2012, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) and the San Diego County Probation Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 5100 block of College Avenue, adjacent to San Diego State University. The checkpoint was made possible by the Office of Traffic Safety "DUI Awareness and Enforcement" Grant.

The checkpoint was operational from 10:24 pm until 2:45 am. 1284 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. 929 of those vehicles were screened by officers. Of those, 26 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Ten arrests were made for DUI, ten citations were issued for possessing open alcohol containers in a vehicle, one minor was cited for consumption of alcohol in a vehicle, four juveniles were detained for violation of curfew, and eleven vehicle impounds were conducted.

On Saturday September 22, 2012, the SDPD, the California Highway Patrol, and the San Diego County Probation Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 2600 block of Ingraham Street in Pacific Beach. The checkpoint was made possible by the "DUI Awareness and Enforcement Grant."

The checkpoint was operational from 7:40 pm until 2:30 am. 2331 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. 1312 of those motorists were contacted by officers. 61 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. 20 arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint. Four citations were issued for possessing open alcohol containers in a vehicle, four juveniles were cited for possessing alcohol, and 18 vehicle impounds were conducted.



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The message is simple, ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***. Drinking alcohol and driving do not mix. If you plan to consume alcohol, you should also plan not to get behind the wheel of a vehicle or ride a motorcycle,” said Officer Mark McCullough.

Officer McCullough recommends these simple tips:

- Plan a safe way home **before** the festivities begin;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home;
- If you’re impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation;
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don’t hesitate to contact your local law enforcement - Call 911; and
- remember, “RUOK?” is a ridiculous question. If you think they’ve had too much to drink, they probably have. Help him or her make other arrangements to get home safely.

The national ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*** crackdown is led by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and NHTSA, with the California Avoid DUI Task Force Campaign, combining high-visibility enforcement and heightened public awareness through publicity.

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](http://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](mailto:mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov).

