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Bay Park DUI Checkpoint Nets 14 Arrests

On November 16, 2012 the San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 4200 block of Mission Bay Drive in Bay Park. The checkpoint was made possible by a UC Berkeley "DUI Mini Grant."

The checkpoint was operational from 10:55 p.m., until 3:00 a.m. 1295 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. 645 of those vehicles were contacted by officers. 29 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Fourteen arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint, and 15 vehicle impounds were conducted.

One motorist failed to stop for officers in the checkpoint. The vehicle was pursued and the driver was ultimately arrested for DUI, felony evading a peace officer, and driving on a suspended license. He also had a prior DUI conviction.

"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.



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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. 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.

