



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

11/25/2012

### **CONTACT:**

Officer Mark McCullough  
(619) 818-4860  
mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov

### **Downtown DUI Checkpoint Nets 19 Arrests**

On November 24, 2012 the San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 1500 block of First Avenue in Downtown San Diego. The checkpoint was made possible by a UC Berkeley "DUI Mini Grant."

The checkpoint was operational from 10:50 p.m., until 3:00 a.m. 1397 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. 836 of those vehicles were screened by officers. 28 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Nineteen arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint, and 18 vehicle impounds were conducted.

"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 CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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).

