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University Heights DUI Checkpoint Nets Eleven Arrests

On Saturday, December 22, 2012, the San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 2100 block of El Cajon Boulevard, in University Heights. The checkpoint was made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) "DUI Mini Grant."

The checkpoint was operational from 10:50 pm, until 3:00 am. 348 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. 341 of those vehicles were screened by officers. Fifteen of those drivers were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety. Eight arrests were made for DUI, one Felony arrest was made for possession of stolen property, and two juveniles were contacted for curfew violation. Six vehicle impounds were conducted at or near the checkpoint.

"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.

