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DUI Checkpoint and Saturation patrols Planned for This “Memorial Day” Weekend

San Diego, CA – San Diego Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at undisclosed locations within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. To augment this checkpoint, the San Diego Police Department will be staffing DUI saturation patrols on Friday, Saturday and again on Monday to help reduce the threat of those impaired drivers on the rest of the motoring public.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving alcohol drop by an average of 20% when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted often enough.

In 2010, over 10,000 people were killed nationally in motor vehicle traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08% or higher. In California, this deadly crime led to 791 deaths because someone failed to designate a sober driver. “Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 60 lives and resulted in 2518 injury crashes harming 4922 of our friends and neighbors,” said Officer Mark McCullough.

“DUI Checkpoints have been an essential part of the phenomenal reduction in DUI deaths that we witnessed since 2006 in California,” said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. “But since the tragedy of DUI accounts for nearly one third of traffic fatalities, San Diego needs the high visibility enforcement and public awareness that checkpoints provide.”

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to San Diego Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.

MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding the San Diego Police Traffic Safety Operations, please contact Officer Mark McCullough at (619) 818-4860 or via email at mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov