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Pacific Beach DUI Checkpoint Nets 8 DUI Arrests

On May 24, 2014 the San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 2400 block of Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach. Officers from the California Highway Patrol assisted with this operation as well. The checkpoint was made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) "DUI Mini Grant."

The checkpoint was operational from 10:55 pm until 3:00 am. 1181 vehicles passed through the checkpoint with 787 of those vehicles being screened by officers. 19 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety, and 8 arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint. 12 vehicles were also impounded.

"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;
- Report drunk drivers - 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.

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.

