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Mission Bay Park DUI Checkpoint Nets 3 DUI Arrests

On August 25, 2015 the San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 4200 block of Mission Bay Drive. The checkpoint was made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) "STEP Grant."

The checkpoint was operational from 11:10 pm until 3:00 am. 994 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with 839 of those motorists being screened by officers. 5 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety at the checkpoint, and 3 arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint. 4 vehicle impounds were also 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.

The San Diego Police Department 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.

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 a holiday period, please contact Officer Mark McCullough at (619) 818-4860 or via email at **mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov**.