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### **Weekend DUI Checkpoints Net 31 DUI Arrests**

On June 25, 26 and 27, 2015, the San Diego Police Department conducted DUI checkpoints in the 4200 block of Mission Bay Drive, the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and in the 4200 block of Mission Bay Drive, respectively. The checkpoints were made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) "STEP Grant."

The June 25<sup>th</sup> checkpoint was operational from 10:25 pm until 3:07 am. 1587 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with 972 of those motorists being screened by officers. 18 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety at the checkpoint, and 8 arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint. 7 vehicle impounds were also conducted.

The June 26<sup>th</sup> checkpoint was operational from 11:22 pm until 3:00 am. 2311 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with 508 of those motorists being screened by officers. 17 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety at the checkpoint, and 12 arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint. 9 vehicle impounds were also conducted.

The June 27<sup>th</sup> checkpoint was operational from 11:00 pm until 3:00 am. 1687 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with 770 of those motorists being screened by officers. 14 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety at the checkpoint, and 11 arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint. 14 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;
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- 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](mailto:mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov).

