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## **Two Arrested and 29 Cited During Sideshow Takeovers**

San Diego– Officers and Deputies from the San Diego Police Department, California Highway Patrol and San Diego County Sheriff's Department arrested two people and cited 29 others during sideshow takeover events last weekend.

On October 15th, SDPD's Traffic Division, CHP, and SDCSD learned about a planned sideshow takeover set to occur in the late evening. Sideshow takeover crews intended to target areas within the City of San Diego. The participants and organizers originated mostly from the Orange and Riverside County areas. The joint-agency team worked to prevent, deter, and disrupt illegal activities associated with these events. The team deployed to locations in Oceanside, Vista, and San Marcos. The heightened enforcement at these prevented injuries and property damage.

Officers pursued and deterred people from participating, abetting, and spectating at these events.

Here are the results of the operation:

- Two people were arrested
- 29 driving-related citations were issued
- Seven vehicles were impounded. Three of these vehicles were impounded for 30-days
- Officers completed one collision investigation
- Officers conducted seven field interview reports

Sideshow takeovers often result in injuries, violence, and property damage. They present serious dangers to the public. Fireworks are often used, elevating the likelihood of a fire during these events. Damage caused by vehicles involved in these activities often requires repairs at each intersection, with an average cost of \$2,500 to \$18,000.

We will continue to work with our agency partners to address these illegal and dangerous acts on our public roadways. If anyone has any information relating to these events, they are encouraged to contact SDPD or they may contact Crime Stoppers and remain anonymous.

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