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DUI Checkpoint Nets 4 Arrests

Downey, CA – Downey Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on August 29, 2014, at Imperial Hwy. and Rives Ave. between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

The following is a summary of the DUI/Driver's License checkpoint results from August 29, 2014.

- 1351 Vehicles Screened
- 3 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 59 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle unlicensed
- 17 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while suspended/revoked
- 1 Arrested on other Criminal Charges

Downey PD will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint during the month of December in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

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