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**Release Date/Time:** April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:30 AM

**Subject:** Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint Results

**Case Number:** N/A

### Details:

#### DUI Checkpoint Nets 6 DUI Arrests and 16 Citations for Unlicensed/Suspended Drivers

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Huntington St. from 7:50 PM to 2:30 AM. 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. Over the past 12 months, there have been 33 alcohol related collisions on PCH. These resulted in 33 injuries to the vehicles occupants and one fatality. There has also been 83 citations issued to drivers on PCH for being unlicensed or driving on a suspended/revoked license.

Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk and/or drug impaired, unlicensed, or with a suspended/revoked license. Checkpoints help to bring more awareness to motorists and encourage 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 DUI enforcement strategies. Here are some of our statistics from Friday's checkpoint:

2288	Vehicles through the checkpoint
1281	Vehicles screened and given pamphlet with information on DUI
9	Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
5	DUI-Alcohol impaired drivers arrested
12	Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed
4	Drivers cited for driving on a suspended license
1	Vehicle impounded
10	Citations issued for various code violations
1	Criminal arrest made

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoint on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Huntington Beach Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. Report Drunk Drivers. Call 911!