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## PRESS RELEASE

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**Type of Incident:** Sobriety/Driver's License Checkpoint Results

**Location:** Pacific Coast Highway and Huntington Street

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** November 23rd, 2013 7:25 PM to 2:15 AM

### Details:

### **DUI Checkpoint Nets 4 DUI Arrests, 1 Arrest for Possession of Drugs for Sale, and 8 Citations for Suspended/Unlicensed Drivers**

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety and Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday, November 23rd, 2013 from 7:25 PM to 2:15 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 year, there have been 23 alcohol related collisions on Pacific Coast Highway. These resulted in 18 injuries to the vehicles occupants. There has also been 97 citations issued to drivers on Pacific Coast Highway 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 of the DUI enforcement strategies. Here are some of our statistics from Saturday's checkpoint:

- 2254 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 851 Vehicles screened and given a pamphlet with information about DUI
- 14 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 4 DUI- Alcohol impaired suspects arrested
- 8 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle unlicensed or with a suspended/revoked license
- 6 Vehicles impounded
- 4 Citations issued for other Vehicle Code violations

Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on December 14th, 2013 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. If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.