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

**Location:** City of Huntington Beach

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** December 22, 2012

**Case Number:** N/A

### Details:

### DUI Checkpoint Nets 9 Arrests

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday December 22, 2012 between the hours of 9:00 PM and 3:00 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.

DUI/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drug impaired, bring 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.

Here are some of our statistics from Saturday's checkpoint:

- 1870 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 663 Vehicles Screened
- 6 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 1 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested
- 9 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 2 Arrested on other Criminal Charges
- 1 Citations issued for other Vehicle Code violations

Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on December 29, 2012 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!