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Type of Incident: Sobriety and Driver's License Checkpoint Results

Location: Beach Blvd. and Slater Avenue, Huntington Beach

Date/Time of Occurrence: January 11, 2014 7:30 PM to 2:20 AM

Details:

DUI Checkpoint Nets 1 DUI Arrest and 9 Citations for Unlicensed/Suspended Drivers

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety and Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday, January 11th, 2014 from 7:30 PM to 2:20 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 34 alcohol related collisions on Beach Blvd. These resulted in 30 injuries to the vehicles occupants. There has also been 286 citations issued to drivers on Beach 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:

- 2134 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 1294 Vehicles screened and given a pamphlet with information about DUI
- 5 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 1 DUI- Alcohol impaired suspects arrested
- 8 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed
- 1 Driver cited for driving on a suspended license
- 1 Vehicle impounded
- 6 Citations issued for other Vehicle Code violations

Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on February 15th, 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!