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Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 4 Arrests

The Riverside Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Saturday, May 26, 2012, as part of Riverside's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the City of Riverside. The location of Saturday's checkpoint was on Van Buren Boulevard at Morris Street. The goal of the DUI Checkpoint was removing unlicensed or impaired drivers and to bring awareness to the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. At the beginning of the checkpoint, one of the drivers had abandoned his vehicle in the roadway and fled the area on foot. With the assistance of Air 1 and other officers working the checkpoint, the suspect was apprehended. The driver was found to be driving without a license and was also arrested for DUI.

RSO/CAL-ID was also on hand to assist with the identification of subjects that did not have a driver's license or official identification. Several were processed at the checkpoint with their assistance to ensure a better means of identification in the future.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws the Department's personnel assisted 15 families with the proper installation of their child safety seats to ensure the safety of the little ones passing through the checkpoint.

Results:

- 2466 vehicles passed through the checkpoint
- 2466 drivers were contacted with 96 being screened
- 4 DUI suspects were arrested
- 80 citations were issued
- 29 vehicles were impounded
- 54 unlicensed and suspended drivers were sent to court

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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