



# Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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## **INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY AVOID CAMPAIGN – WRAP UP**

### ***DUI Arrests Down***

The Independence Day Holiday Avoid the 30 DUI campaign reporting period has ended with the deployment of two sobriety checkpoints and three special DUI saturation patrols. Officers on routine patrol also focused special attention towards removing impaired drivers from our streets and highways towards lowering needless deaths and injuries.

For the 48-hour effort from 12:01 AM, Tuesday, July 3, 2012 through Midnight, Wednesday, July 4, 2012, officers representing 30 Riverside County law enforcement agencies arrested **59** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2011, 102 DUI arrests occurred during the first two days of the July 4th state holiday period.

**(Note:** The 2011 total campaign stats were for a 5-day effort – not to be compared to the 2-day 2012 enforcement)

As with last year, there were no DUI deaths reported during this year’s two-day period. (\*\*These numbers are only provisional with several agencies yet to report\*\*)

With Independence Day falling on a Wednesday, many in our community will be taking the rest of the week off. DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols will be out in force throughout the region. Checkpoints are planned in the cities of Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley and Temecula. Saturation patrols are planned for Beaumont, Corona, La Quinta, Lake Perris, Menifee, Moreno Valley and Palm Springs.

**NOTE:** Law enforcement officials will be conducting more Avoid anti-DUI efforts throughout the county and region in partnership with the nationwide 18-day campaign in August ending Labor Day weekend.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to report impaired or dangerous drivers this summer. *Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1* anytime you encounter a dangerous driver. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**MEDIA NOTE:** Please visit the AVOID website at [www.californiaavoid.org](http://www.californiaavoid.org) for more information about anti DUI efforts in your community or around the state.

Avoid programs, named for the number of participating law enforcement agencies in each county, will be conducting other enforcement efforts during special events with identified DUI problems. In recognition that the summer season is among the deadliest times of the year, law enforcement agencies throughout the county will be making every effort to arrest drunk drivers before another life is lost.



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