



Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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SUMMER/LABOR DAY AVOID THE 30 DUI CAMPAIGN – FINAL REPORT

The 2012 Summer/Labor Day national mobilization crackdown on impaired driving has ended and resulted in a significant number of DUI arrests from the sobriety checkpoints, special saturation patrols, task force operations and routine patrols in the Riverside County “AVOID” DUI campaign for the past eighteen days.

From 12:01 AM, Friday, August 17, through midnight, Monday, September 3, 2012, officers representing 30 Riverside County law enforcement agencies have arrested **710** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2011, 762 DUI arrests occurred during the same period. Tragically, there were **three deaths** and **twenty-three injuries** caused by impaired drivers in our area. Last year, there was one alcohol related death during this same time, as well as ten injuries attributed to impaired drivers. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report**)

Law enforcement officials will be conducting more Avoid anti-DUI efforts throughout the county and region again during Halloween and Thanksgiving Eve before planning for the December/Winter campaign periods. Police officers, sheriff deputies and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1 anytime you see dangerous driving.

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 for more information about anti-DUI enforcements, statistical data on DUI arrests and DUI fatal crashes in your community or around the state.



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