



# Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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## **Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 5 Arrests**

The Riverside Police Department conducted a DUI/driver's license checkpoint on Friday, July 5, 2013 (between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.), as part of Riverside's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint, part of the California Office of Traffic Safety sponsored Avoid the 30 program, was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the city of Riverside. The location of Friday's checkpoint was on La Sierra Avenue at Spaulding Drive. The goal of the DUI checkpoint was to remove unlicensed or impaired drivers from roadways and to increase public awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws, the Department's personnel assisted 19 families with the proper installation of their child safety seats to ensure the safety of the little ones passing through the checkpoint.

### **Results:**

- 1025 vehicles passed through the checkpoint
- 1025 drivers were contacted with 81 being screened
- 3 DUI-Alcohol suspects were arrested
- 0 DUI-Drug Impaired suspects were arrested
- 1 felony Arson warrant arrest
- 1 arrest for possession and transportation of Heroin
- 48 citations were issued
- 24 vehicles were impounded
- 46 unlicensed and suspended drivers were sent to court

The Riverside Police Department reminds you that whether you are gathering with friends at the pub or attending your local events, if alcohol is part of the festivities, designate a sober driver to get you home safely or contact your local sober ride program for a ride home.

Funding for Avoid the 30 operations is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration who reminds you to 'Report Drunk Drivers, Call 911!'

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