



Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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

The 2013 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 16, 2013, through midnight, Monday, September 2, 2013, officers representing thirty Riverside County law enforcement agencies arrested **695** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2012, 710 DUI arrests occurred during the same period. Tragically, there have been three deaths and thirty injuries caused by impaired drivers in our area. Last year, there were also three alcohol related deaths during this same time, as well as twenty-three 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 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.

Avoid programs are named for the number of participating police agencies in each county. 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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