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### **Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 3 Arrests**

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, December 13, 2013, on Van Buren Boulevard just south of Garfield Street between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drug impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

RSO/CAL-ID was 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 13 families with the proper installation of their child safety seats to ensure the safety



of the little ones passing through the checkpoint. Two new car seats were also provided to families in need of one in order to better protect their child.

**Results:**

- 1040 vehicles passed through the checkpoint with 45 being screened
- 3 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 20 drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 30 citations were issued
- 11 vehicles were towed

The Riverside Police Department will be conducting additional DUI/Driver's License checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

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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