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Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 4 Arrests

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, January 31, 2014, on Arlington Avenue just east of Streeter Avenue 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.

At about midnight, a 92-year-old male approached the checkpoint shivering cold and lost. After providing heat for the elderly gentleman, checkpoint



personnel were able to locate where the subject lived and returned him to a local board and care facility.

Results:

- 735 vehicles passed through the checkpoint with 44 being screened
- 4 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 30 drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 41 citations were issued
- 16 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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