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### **Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 Arrests**

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, June 27, 2014, on La Sierra Avenue at Spaulding Avenue between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 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.

#### **Results:**

- 1365 vehicles passed through the checkpoint with 97 being screened
- 1 DUI-Alcohol suspect was arrested
- 1 DUI-Drug suspect was arrested
- 50 drivers were cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 77 citations were issued
- 13 vehicles were towed



We assisted 14 families by properly securing their children inside their vehicle. Unsafe car seats were replaced so that all children left the checkpoint safer than they arrived.

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.

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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