



Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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SUMMER/LABOR DAY AVOID DUI CAMPAIGN – MONDAY UPDATE

DUI Arrests Down & DUI Fatalities Down

The end of summer DUI Mobilization has resulted in a significant number of DUI arrests from local routine traffic enforcement and special Avoid the 30 DUI deployments in Riverside County.

From 12:01 AM, Friday, August 15, 2014, through Midnight, Sunday, August 17, 2014, officers representing 30 Riverside County law enforcement agencies arrested **129** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2013, 176 DUI arrests occurred during the same three (3) day period.

There was one major injury traffic collision reported in the City of Riverside, though the investigation is still ongoing. Last year during this same period, two deaths occurred as a result of an impaired driver. However, twelve injuries have been attributed to alcohol-involved collisions, matching the twelve injuries during this same three (3) day period last year. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report**)

Over the next several days of the campaign, DUI saturation patrols will be deployed in the cities of Banning, Desert Hot Springs and Moreno Valley. Specialized traffic enforcement operations are planned in the city of Riverside. In addition, all regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers will focus efforts at stopping and arresting DUI drivers during their normal shifts.

Police officers, sheriff deputies and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer. DUI arrest data collection will continue through Labor Day, midnight, Monday, September 1, 2014. 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!'

MEDIA NOTE: The checkpoint locations and saturation patrols will be made available for media opportunities or ride-a-longs. To schedule an interview regarding anti-drunk driving efforts, or to request a ride-a-long with law enforcement, please contact Sergeant Robert Tipre at 951.351.6046 or via email at RTipre@riversideca.gov.

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