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Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 8 Arrests

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, August 22, 2014, on University Avenue at Douglass 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.

Results:

- 814 vehicles passed through the checkpoint with 84 being screened
- 7 DUI-Alcohol suspect was arrested
- 1 DUI-Drug suspect was arrested
- 33 drivers were cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 41 citations were issued
- 17 vehicles were towed



We assisted 25 families by inspecting and instructing them on properly securing their children inside their vehicle by the use of car seats. Children left the checkpoint safer than they arrived.

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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