



Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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SUMMER/LABOR DAY AVOID DUI CAMPAIGN – FRIDAY UPDATE

DUI ARRESTS DOWN & DUI FATALITIES DOWN

The nationwide Summer/Labor Day National Anti-DUI mobilization has resulted in far too many DUI arrests from local routine traffic enforcement and special Avoid the 30 DUI deployments over the past 14 days in Riverside County.

From 12:01 AM, Friday, August 15, 2014, through Midnight, Wednesday, August 27, 2014, officers representing thirty Riverside County law enforcement agencies arrested **446** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2013, 484 DUI arrests occurred during the same thirteen (13) day period.

Last year there were three alcohol related deaths during the same period. Though the arrest numbers are down this year compared to last year, the number of arrests for driving impaired is staggering for Riverside County. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report**)

For the Labor Day Holiday weekend extra DUI/driver's license checkpoints will be conducted in the cities of Blythe, Eastvale, Moreno Valley, Menifee, Temecula and San Jacinto. Task force operations will be conducted by Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Riverside Community College (RCC), and the University of California (UCR). DUI saturation patrols will be deployed in the cities of Riverside, Beaumont, Palm Springs, Coachella, Blythe, La Quinta, Temecula, Indian Wells, Banning, Palm Desert, Desert Hot Springs, State Parks – Lake Perris and Perris. 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 California Highway Patrol 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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