



Riverside County DUI Enforcement PRESS RELEASE



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Riverside County DUI Enforcement Campaign – Final Report

Starting December 18, 2015, through January 3, 2016, you probably noticed that Riverside County DUI Enforcement was out in full force, targeting one of the deadliest and most preventable of crimes - drunk driving. Riverside County DUI Enforcement was part of the national “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign, to save lives on our roadways. The combined enforcement effort resulted in a significant number of arrests through traffic enforcement and special high visibility DUI enforcement deployments, over the past 17-days.

From 12:01 a.m., Friday, December 18, 2015, through midnight, Sunday, January 3, 2016, officers representing over 26 law enforcement agencies throughout Riverside County arrested 398 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; responded to 3 non-injury DUI traffic collisions; investigated 18 DUI injury traffic collisions; and there were no reported DUI fatalities. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report**)

Thousands of lives could be saved each year if everyone planned ahead before taking that first sip of alcohol. In 2013 alone, there were 10,076 people killed in alcohol-impaired driving crashes in the United States. California’s DUI deaths stood at 867 that year. That’s almost a third of all the traffic crash fatalities for the year according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Riverside County DUI Enforcement and thousands of law enforcement agencies around the country teamed up with the NHTSA on the high visibility enforcement campaign this year. The annual effort aims to reduce impaired driving year-round, not just on these few days during the winter holidays. The campaign may be over, but the warning remains: “*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.*”

Law enforcement officials will be conducting more high visibility anti-DUI efforts throughout the county and region again on Super Bowl Sunday followed by a crackdown on St Patrick’s Day. Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911! anytime you encounter a dangerous impaired driver.

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