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POLICE RELEASE DUI CHECKPOINT RESULTS

The Oceanside Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint on Friday July 24, 2009 between the hours of 9:00pm and 3:00 am in the City of Oceanside.

The checkpoint was held in the 1300 block of North Santa Fe Drive. A total of 487 vehicles came through the checkpoint, and 298 vehicles were screened. Eight drivers were given Field Sobriety Tests due to objective signs. All drivers tested were either under the legal limit and safe to operate a motor vehicle, or had no alcohol in their system on secondary checks.

Ten drivers had their vehicles stored for being unlicensed or driving on a suspended license. A total of 14 citations were issued during the event.

From Friday evening through Sunday, there were a total of five DUI arrests made in the city. The police department will conduct extra enforcement activities throughout the summer months that will focus on removing intoxicated drivers from our roadways to provide a safer driving environment for the public.

The DUI Enforcement and Awareness Programs that the department is taking part of are put into place to reduce the number of persons injured or killed in alcohol related crashes. The funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These practices are designed to attract attention to the seriousness of driving under the influence and serve as a deterrent to drivers.

The focus of the checkpoints and sweeps will be to reduce driving while intoxicated and injury collisions, while removing drunk drivers from the roadway. The Oceanside Police Department takes a proactive approach in educating our citizens and enforcement of the laws dealing with drinking and driving. We want to send a message to those who are considering driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol.

Each year drunk driving is a major cause of fatal and injury collisions. The Oceanside Police Department is committed to keeping the roadways of our city free of alcohol impaired drivers. If you choose to drink, please designate a sober driver to do the driving. The life you save could be your own.

The public is encouraged to help keep the roadways safe by calling 911 if they see an impaired driver.

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