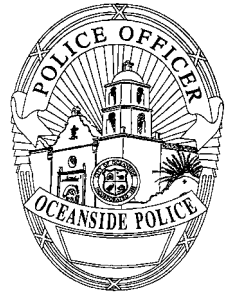




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OCEANSIDE POLICE DUI ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

The Oceanside Police Department Traffic Services Unit continues its high visibility enforcement to combat drivers operating vehicles while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Since the beginning of August 2009, officers from the Oceanside Police Department executed eight enforcement sweeps or checkpoints to identify and arrest drivers that are operating motor vehicles while impaired. We will utilize all means at our disposal to ensure the roadways in the city are free of drivers operating vehicles under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program are put into place to reduce the number of persons injured or killed in alcohol related crashes. The primary funding for these programs 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.

During the enforcement efforts police arrested 28 drivers for driving under the influence, issued 94 vehicle citations and impounded 56 vehicles. The police will continue to expand on these enforcement efforts to reduce collisions caused by drunk drivers. If you observe a motorist you believe is driving drunk, please call 911.

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