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DUI Sweep Nets 4 Arrests

On 10-31-08, from 2100 hours until 0300 hours, the Oceanside Police Department Traffic Services Unit conducted the first of 21 DUI saturation patrol operations designed to target people who drive under the influence of alcohol. During the sweep, four (4) people were arrested for DUI, seven (7) people had their vehicles impounded, and nineteen (19) people were issued citations.

The DUI saturation patrols are funded by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The grant covers one calendar year from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 and pays for personnel costs, equipment and related services for conducting these types of operations. Total funding for the grant is \$292,000.00.

The goals of the grant include:

- Reduce the number of persons injured or killed in traffic collisions
- Reduce the number of persons injured or killed in alcohol-involved collisions
- Reduce the number of hit & run injury and fatality collisions
- Reduce the number of nighttime injury and fatal collisions

In addition to DUI saturation patrols, the Oceanside Police Department Traffic Services Unit will focus on arresting the approximately 300 people in the Oceanside area with DUI related arrest warrants. They will also conduct surveillance of habitual offenders and conducts stings.

The Oceanside Police Department encourages all citizens to be responsible with their alcohol use and either have a designated driver or call a cab to arrive home safely.

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