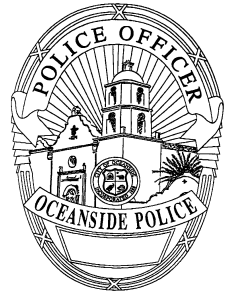




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POLICE SCHEDULE DUI CHECKPOINT

The Oceanside Police Department will conduct a DUI Checkpoint on Friday November 20, 2009 between the hours of 9:00pm and 3:00am in the City of Oceanside as part of the DUI Enforcement and Awareness Program.

The focus of the checkpoint 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. We encourage all drivers to designate a sober driver if they choose to drink.

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

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