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LASD-SAN DIMAS STATION TO COMBAT ROADWAY DEATHS AND INJURIES WITH DUI CHECKPOINTS

LASD – San Dimas Station has been awarded a new traffic safety grant for an anti-DUI program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on our roadways. Additional enforcement measures to combat impaired driving are coming as a result of a recent \$ 58,800 grant awarded by the California Office of Traffic Safety to San Dimas. The San Dimas Sheriff Station is dedicated to keeping our streets safe through both enforcement and education.

The special DUI Checkpoint grant is to assist in efforts to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and other drug related collisions in the community. The grant activities will specifically target impaired driving offenders as well as educating the public on the dangers of impaired driving through the use of DUI/driver's license checkpoints. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving.

Drunk and drugged driving is among America's deadliest crimes. In 2010, 791 people were killed and over 24,000 injured in alcohol and drug-impaired crashes in California. In 2010, San Dimas experienced one killed and 28 injured in these tragic crashes. Crashes involving alcohol drop by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted often enough. Checkpoints have proven to be the most effective of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent.

"DUI checkpoints have been an essential part of the phenomenal reduction in DUI deaths that we witnessed from 2006 to 2010 in California," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. "But since the tragedy of DUI accounts for nearly one third of traffic fatalities, San Dimas needs the high visibility enforcement and public awareness that this grant will provide."

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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DUI/Drivers License checkpoint Planned next Friday

San Dimas, CA – San Dimas Sheriff Station Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on December 28, 2012 at 601 West Bonita Ave., San Dimas between the hours of 7 PM and 3 AM.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving alcohol drop by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted often enough.

Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. Officers will also check drivers for proper licensing and will strive to delay motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving. Drivers caught driving impaired can expect jail, license suspension, and insurance increases, as well as fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

In 2010, over 10,000 people were killed nationally in motor vehicle traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08% or higher. In California, this deadly crime led to 791 deaths because someone failed to designate a sober driver. "Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed one life and resulted in twenty eight injury crashes harming thirty of our friends and neighbors," said Sergeant Raymond Roth.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

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Funding for this checkpoint is provided to San Dimas Sheriff Station by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. **If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.**

MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding the San Dimas Traffic Safety Operation please contact Sergeant Raymond Roth 909-450-2770 or via email at rsroth@lasd.org