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DUI / DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECKPOINT SCHEDULED

Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. In California last year 1,029 people died in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. That is why the Escondido Police Department announced today they will be holding a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on Saturday, January 2, 2010, from 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM in the City of Escondido.

"Make no mistake. Our message is simple. No matter what you drive—a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle—if we catch you driving impaired, we will arrest you. No exceptions. No excuses," said Police Chief Jim Maher. "We will be talking to drivers, making sure they are not impaired, arresting those who are, and getting the word out that impaired driving and driving without a valid license is not acceptable in Escondido."

The Escondido Police Department advises that by following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy a safe and festive evening without jeopardizing their life and the lives of the others who may be on the road.

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and give that person your keys;
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely;
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to call 911.

Driving impaired is simply not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant. Violators face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses.

Funding for this checkpoint comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Drunk Driving, Over the Limit Under Arrest. Report Drunk Drivers, Call 911



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To report any suspicious activities in your neighborhood, you may contact the Police Department directly, or you may make an unidentified call on our Anonymous Tip Line at (760) 743-TIPS (8477) or via our Web site at www.escondido.org/police.

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