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Winter Holiday Dui Campaign Update *DUI Arrests Down & No DUI Fatalities*

SANTA ANA, California (December 23, 2013) – The Winter Holiday Anti-DUI crackdown has resulted in a significant number of DUI arrests from local routine traffic enforcement and special 'Avoid the 38' DUI deployments over the weekend in Orange County.

From 12:01 a.m. Friday, December 13 through midnight on Sunday, December 22, 2013, officers representing 38 county law enforcement agencies have arrested 490 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2012, 588 DUI arrests occurred during the same ten (10) day time period. There have been no DUI related deaths reported. (NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report).

Over the course of the next several days of the campaign, extra DUI saturation patrols will be deployed in several cities that contract with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Also, the CHP is deploying all available officers for their maximum enforcement period during a 2-day campaign from 6:00 p.m. on December 24 through midnight December 25.

All regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers will focus efforts on stopping and arresting DUI drivers during their normal shifts. Multiple DUI/driver's license checkpoints, multi-agency DUI task force operations and local roving DUI patrols are all part of this region-wide crackdown during the 20-day Winter Holiday Campaign.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer by reporting drunk Drivers by calling 9-1-1. Grant funding for this program is provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

DUI arrest data collection will continue through New Year's Weekend, midnight Sunday, January 1, 2014.



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