Huntington Beach Police Department

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Subject: DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Nets 5 DUI Arrests

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Details:

The Huntington Beach Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday, August 22nd, 2015 on Main Street south of Yorktown Avenue between the hours of 7:40 p.m. and 2:20 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Drivers License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk or drug impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

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. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

Below are the results from this evening's checkpoint.

1150 Vehicles through checkpoint
596   Vehicles Screened
11   Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) administered
5   DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
5   Citations issued for driving while unlicensed or on a suspended license
5   Citations issued for various traffic violations

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint in the near future in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!   ###