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DUI Checkpoint Nets 31 Arrests

Lancaster, CA – Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lancaster Station conducted a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on April 15, 2016, on Avenue J at Genoa Avenue between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 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 are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged 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.

777 Vehicles Screened

2 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested

1 DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested

1 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)

1 Arrested on other Criminal Charges

26 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to "Map a Spot" with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a "List of Spots" to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb – all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lancaster Station will be conducting additional DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints 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 <http://www.ots.ca.gov/> through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1'.

Partner to prevent or report crime by contacting your local Sheriff's station. Or if you wish to remain Anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>

AS A DRIVER, PLAN AHEAD WITH THESE TIPS:

Arrange rides home for your friends, family, co-workers and yourself before the drinking begins

Identify and provide free non-alcoholic drinks or other promotional items to the Designated Driver

Party hosts and servers must limit drinks to your guests or patrons. Don't serve more than one or two over several hours.

Cut back on the amount of drinks you plan to bring to the party – and provide plenty of food.

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at <http://www.Nixle.com> and register for "LASD – Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept Information Bureau (SIB)" AND your local LASD station area.

Or, to receive URGENT TEXT ALERTS ONLY, text your zip code to 888777.

Standard text messaging rates may apply depending on your calling plan.

"If You See Something, Say Something"

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