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WINTER HOLIDAY DUI CAMPAIGN UPDATE DUI Arrests Down & No DUI Fatalities

SANTA ANA, California (December 20, 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 during the past several days in Orange County.

From 12:01 a.m. on Friday, December 13 through midnight Thursday, December 19, officers representing 38 county law enforcement agencies have arrested 315 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2012, 353 DUI arrests occurred during the same seven (7) day time period. There have been no DUI deaths reported. (NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report).

For the second weekend of the campaign a DUI/driver's license checkpoint will be conducted in the city of Santa Ana and the cities of Cypress, Los Alamitos, and Seal Beach will be conducting a multi-agency DUI/Driver's license checkpoint. The city of Orange will be deploying extra local DUI saturation patrols and the cities of Brea, La Habra, and Placentia, along with the CSU Fullerton Police, will be deploying multi-agency DUI saturation patrols.

All regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers will focus efforts at 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.

