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Police Department Targets Impaired Drivers with DUI/Driver License Checkpoint

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The Santa Monica Police Department will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Monday, December 31, 2012, at an undisclosed location within the city limits. This is part of an ongoing campaign to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol involved crashes. DUI checkpoints are conducted to identify offenders and remove them from the street, as well as bring awareness to our community of the dangers of impaired driving.

Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. Drivers caught driving impaired can expect jail, license suspension, and insurance increases, as well as fines, fees, DUI classes, court probation and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

All too often, members of our community are senselessly injured or killed on local roadways by impaired drivers. "Over the course of the past year, traffic collisions involving impaired drivers/riders were involved in 86 collisions, which have killed 2 and injured 26 people," said Santa Monica Police Lieutenant Jay Trisler.

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.

The Santa Monica Police Department reminds drivers if you plan on drinking, have a designated driver or call a taxi cab to take you safely home. For more information please contact Sergeant Phillbo Rubish at the Santa Monica Police Department Traffic Section at 310-458-8950, or the Public Information Officer, Sergeant Richard Lewis at 310-458-8462.

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Report Drunk Drivers. Call 9-1-1!