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### Contact: Enter First Name, Last Name, Phone Number and Email

**Enter Department Name Holding DUI, Driver’s License Checkpoint Enter Month and Day**

Enter Your City, Calif. – Enter Your Police/Sheriff’s Department will have a DUI/Driver’s License Checkpoint Enter Date from Enter time p.m. to Enter time p.m./a.m. at an undisclosed location within Enter City or county limits or add location depending on Department policy. Delete this if not applicable.

Checkpoint locations are based on history of DUI crashes and arrests. During the checkpoint, officers will look for signs drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, as well as check drivers for valid licenses.

In 2018, 1,069 people were killed on California roads in crashes involving drivers who had a blood alcohol content over the legal limit (.08 or above). Last year, (or most recent data available) Enter Your Police or Sheriff’s Department investigated Enter Number DUI crashes which killed Enter Number people and resulted in another Enter number injuries.

Enter Police of Sheriff’s Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription or over-the-counter medications with a operating heavy machinery warning on the label can also impair. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or are taking medications that can affect your ability to drive, please take these precautions to avoid a DUI:

* Always use a designated sober driver – a friend who is not drinking, ride-share, cab or public transportation – to get home.
* Walking while impaired is also dangerous. Have someone sober walk you home or stay with you until a sober driver is available to pick you up.
* Report drunk drivers – Call 911.
* Hosting a party? Offer nonalcoholic drinks. Monitor who is drinking and how they are getting home.

A DUI charge is not cheap. Drivers charged with DUI face an average of $13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license and possible jail time.

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