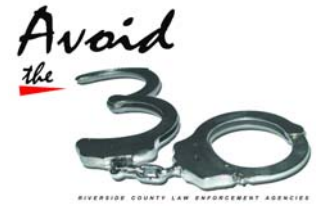




Avoid the 30 Riverside County

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“Avoid the 30” Holiday DUI Enforcement in Riverside County *DUI Arrests UP & DUI Fatalities Down*

Winter holiday AVOID campaign – Update

Riverside, California – The Winter Holiday DUI crackdown on drinking drivers has resulted in a large number of DUI arrests from the Sobriety Checkpoints, Task Force Operations and many Saturation Patrols out on patrol in the Riverside County “AVOID” DUI Campaign.

From 12:00 AM Friday December 12, 2008, through midnight December 18, 2008, officers presenting 30 county law enforcement agencies are reporting provisional arrests of at least **62** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Data collection will continue for through New Years Day 2009. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with many agencies yet to report**)

Law enforcement officials will be conducting more anti DUI efforts throughout the county this weekend. DUI Checkpoints scheduled are scheduled for Friday, December 19, 2008, in Riverside, Cathedral City, Palm Springs, Lake Elsinore, Hemet, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, and Perris. DUI Saturation Patrols will be deployed county wide. Additionally, all CHP Areas throughout the state will have increased staffing during the Christmas and New Years weekends:

Your local police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer by reporting Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1.

For more information on the holiday enforcement crackdown and enforcement schedules, visit the California Avoid Web Site at www.californiaavoid.org and the Riverside County Avoid Web Site at www.avoidthe30.org.

MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding Avoid the 30 DUI Crackdown, or request a ride-along with law enforcement during the holiday period, please contact Karen Haverkamp at 951-353-7980 or via email at khaver@riversideca.gov. To schedule an interview regarding impaired driving efforts and programs in California please contact Chris Cochran at (916) 262-2975 or via email at ccoehran@ots.ca.gov.



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