



Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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'AVOID the 30' Holiday DUI Enforcement Nets 132 Arrests 1st Weekend'

Winter Holiday AVOID Campaign – Update

Riverside, California - The Winter Holiday DUI crackdown on drinking drivers over the first Five (5) days of the campaign has resulted in a large number of DUI arrests. The Riverside County "AVOID" DUI Campaign from 12:00 AM Friday December 18, 2009 through 12:00 midnight December 22, 2009 officers presenting 30 county law enforcement agencies are reporting provisional arrests of at least **132** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, up from last year's 107 DUI arrests during the first weekend time period.

(*NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with many agencies yet to report**)

Additionally, the Avoid Campaign netted 524 total DUI arrests and three people were killed in DUI collisions during last year's campaign. Data collection will continue through January 3, 2009.

Law enforcement officials will be conducting more anti DUI efforts in the following community so if you are gathering with family or friends – Don't drink and drive plan for a Designated Driver

Local DUI Saturation Patrols will be continuing countywide with checkpoints being held in Riverside and Perris this weekend. All CHP Areas throughout the state will have increased staffing during the Christmas weekend.

"OVER THE LIMIT, UNDER ARREST" is all around the state, if you choose to Drink and Drive this Holiday Season, expect to spend the night behind bars.

This DUI Enforcement Campaign is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For more information visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org or www.avoidthe30.org

Editor's note: To schedule an interview or request a ride-along regarding impaired driving efforts, please contact Karen Haverkamp via email at khaver@riversideca.gov.

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