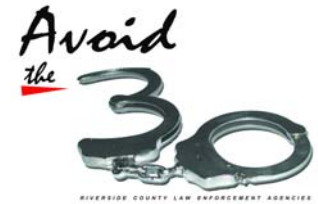




Avoid the 30 Riverside County



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

Winter holiday AVOID campaign – Christmas Eve Update

Riverside, California – The Winter Holiday DUI crackdown on drinking drivers over the first 12 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 12, 2008, through midnight December 23, 2008, officers representing 30 county law enforcement agencies are reporting provisional arrests of at least **160** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. There has been 1 DUI fatality to report in the first 12 days of the campaign, involving a single vehicle motorcycle collision occurring in Norco. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with many agencies yet to report**)

Law enforcement officials will be conducting more anti DUI efforts countywide. So if you are gathering with family or friends – Don’t drink and drive plan for a Designated Driver

DUI Saturation Patrols deploying:

Friday, December 26, 2008	1900-0300	Lake Elsinore PD
Friday, December 26, 2008*	1800 - 0200	Hemet
Saturday, December 27, 2008*	1900-0300	Perris PD
Saturday, December 27, 2008*	1900-0300	Murrieta PD
Saturday, December 27, 2008*	1900-0300	Temecula PD
Saturday, December 27, 2008*	1900-0300	Mt. San Jacinto College PD
Saturday, December 27, 2008*	1900-0300	Corona PD
Saturday, December 27, 2008*	2000-0400	Indio PD
Saturday, December 27, 2008*	2000-0400	La Quinta PD
Sunday, December 28, 2008	1900-0300	Lake Elsinore PD
Tuesday, December 30, 2008*	1800 - 0200	Palm Springs PD
Wednesday, December 31, 2008	1900-0300	Lake Elsinore PD
Wednesday, December 31, 2008	1900-0300	Perris PD
Thursday, January 1, 2009	1900-0300	Perris PD

DUI Checkpoints will be held:

Friday, December 26, 2008	1800-2400	Indio
Saturday, December 27, 2008	1800-2400	Lake Elsinore
Wednesday, December 31, 2008	1800-0200	Temecula
Friday, January 2, 2009	1800-0200	Perris
Saturday, January 3, 2009	1800-0200	Perris

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All CHP Areas throughout the state will have increased staffing during the Christmas weekend.

* AVOID operations

“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. Designate a driver before you celebrate.

“Driving impaired is simply not worth all the consequences. So don’t take the chance. Remember, if you are over the limit, you’re under arrest,” said Avoid the 30 Riverside County coordinator Karen Haverkamp. “Pre-plan your holiday celebration by selecting a Designated Driver before the event.”

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 ccochran@ots.ca.gov.

* *Statistics based on California Highway Patrol 2007 provisional data and the California Department of Motor Vehicles.*



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