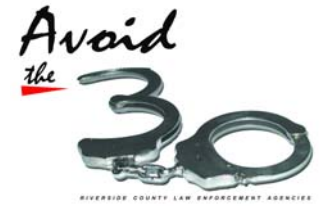




Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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Avoid the 30 Riverside County Arrest **430** Impaired Drivers over Winter Holiday Crackdown

DUI Arrests UP & DUI Fatalities Down – Police Kept Vow and Arrested Hundreds!

Riverside, Ca. – The Winter Holiday DUI crackdown on drinking drivers has resulted in record numbers of DUI arrests from Checkpoints, Special Saturation Patrols and routine patrols in the Riverside County “AVOID the 30” DUI Campaign.

From 12:01 a.m., Friday, December 12, 2008, through midnight, January 1, 2009, officers representing 30 county law enforcement agencies arrested **430** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Tragically, there have been 3 DUI fatalities reported. The first two (2) fatalities involved single vehicle motorcycle collisions, one occurring in Norco and the other in Palm Springs. The 3rd DUI fatality occurred in Hemet, when a DUI driver struck a bicyclist. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with many agencies yet to report**)

In addition to Riverside County agencies having extra officers on the road, a total of 17 DUI Checkpoints and 22 coordinated DUI Saturation Patrols were held countywide for this winter holiday deployment period.

The winter holidays are among the most dangerous days of the year to be injured or killed in an alcohol involved crash. Our message remains simple and unwavering: *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*

MEDIA NOTE: Please visit the AVOID website at www.californiaavoid.org and the Riverside County AVOID website at www.avoidthe30.org for more information. Statistical data on the number of DUI arrests and DUI fatal crashes will be updated as received on the State website.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1.



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