



# Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Thursday, March 4, 2010

## CONTACT:

Karen Haverkamp  
Traffic Bureau Administrative Supervisor  
Riverside Police Department  
951-353-7980 [khaver@riversideca.gov](mailto:khaver@riversideca.gov)

### ***Riverside County Officers Recognized for 5,432 DUI Arrests***

**Riverside, California-** The Riverside County AVOID the 30 program and Riverside County MADD joined the California Office of Traffic Safety in recognizing the top DUI producers of Riverside County for 2009. The recognition was held yesterday during a training seminar in Riverside.

The top award went to Officer Eric Robinson, Moreno Valley Police Department with 170 arrests. Other top awards went to Officer Edward Holloway, California Highway Patrol-Riverside with 159 arrests, Deputy Angel Gasparinai, Perris Police Department with 150 arrests, Deputy Dennis Pleta, Moreno Valley Police Department with 136 arrests, Officer Jennifer Kennedy, Palm Springs Police Department with 120 arrests, Deputy Bradley Bryan, Lake Elsinore Police Department with 111 arrests, Officer Dave Deschepper, California Highway Patrol-Temecula with 107 arrests, and Officer Greg Velasco California Highway Patrol-Temecula with 100 arrests.

Awards were presented to the top producing officers from each agency and to all officers with more than 25 DUI arrests. In total, the officers recognized are responsible for 5,432 arrests in Riverside County.

“We want to congratulate our officers and thank them for making Riverside County streets safer,” said Riverside Police Department Supervisor Karen Haverkamp, the Riverside County AVOID the 30 coordinator.

AVOID the 30 is possible through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety and provides funds for the agencies in Riverside County to deploy additional officers to increase DUI patrols and DUI checkpoints. In addition, AVOID the 30 works with the media to promote the effects of drinking and driving with the aim of reducing major holiday DUI traffic collisions, injuries and deaths

For more information, please visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org) or [www.avoidthe30.org](http://www.avoidthe30.org)

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



###

