



PRESS RELEASE

DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Planned on Sunday

San Bruno, CA – The San Mateo County Avoid the 23 DUI Task Force will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Sunday, May 29, 2016, in the City of San Bruno between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

In California, this deadly crime led to 883 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows a little over 10,000 people were killed by an impaired driver.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and checking drivers for proper licensing which will delay motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now account for a growing number of impaired driving crashes. Drugs which may impair driving not only include illegal narcotics, but many prescription drugs, marijuana, and even some over-the-counter medications.

DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out about it.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to "Report Drunk Drivers– Call 9-1-1".