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Ventura Police conducting DUI checkpoint on Saturday, September 24, 2022

Ventura, CA. – The Ventura Police Department Traffic Unit will conduct a DUI checkpoint at an undisclosed location within the city limits on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

“Impaired drivers put others on the road at serious risk,” said Officer Chris Wilson. “Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improves traffic safety.”

DUI checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI collision statistics and arrests, with the primary purpose not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring residents from driving impaired. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when DUI operations are conducted and publicized routinely.

The Ventura Police Department reminds drivers that impaired driving is not just caused by alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Additionally, while medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is not. Marijuana can be impairing, especially when combined with alcohol or other drugs, which can also result in a DUI.

Drivers charged with DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

If you see a drunk driver, always call 9-1-1.

Funding for this checkpoint was provided by a grant from the [California Office of Traffic Safety](#), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. To learn more about the Office of Traffic Safety grant and VPD’s educational efforts, contact Emily Graves, Community Outreach Specialist for the Ventura Police Department, at egraves@cityofventura.ca.gov.

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