DUI/CDL Checkpoint with Updated Results

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DUI Checkpoint Nets 3 Arrests

Ventura, Ca. – The Ventura Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on Friday, March 28, 2014 at two locations. The first location was on Victoria Ave. at Ralston St. between the hours of 8:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. The second location was on Harbor Blvd. at Schooner Dr. from 12:45 a.m. to 3:20 a.m. These Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver's License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of $6 for every $1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.As a result of these checkpoints, the following enforcement was taken:

715 - Vehicles Screened

2 - DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested (.14 & .15 BAC levels)

1 - DUI-Drug impaired suspects arrested

1 - Suspects arrested for misc misdemeanor warrants

8 - Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked

6 - Vehicles towed

5 - Citations issued

Ventura PD will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!