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## **DUI Enforcement Operations in San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point and San Clemente**

**SANTA ANA, CA** – (June 6, 2013) – Deputies from the Orange County Sheriff's Department's DUI Task Force will deploy this weekend to stop and arrest alcohol and drug-impaired drivers as part of the Department's ongoing traffic safety campaign.

DUI Saturation Patrols will deploy beginning on Friday, June 7 at 8:00 pm until Saturday, June 8 at 4:00 am in the cities of San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point and San Clemente. These patrols will be targeting areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests.

"As summer begins, we typically see an increase in DUI collisions and arrests so we will be out looking for impaired drivers" said Deputy Wayne Howard of the Orange County Sheriff's Department Traffic Bureau.

Driving under the influence can impact the economy, in addition to the pain and suffering of those immediately affected. Conservatively, a fatality has a \$1.4 million impact, an injury \$70,000, and a crash that only damages property averages nearly \$9,000.

"Despite the recent increases, California's roadways are still much safer than they were before 2006," said California Office of Traffic Safety Director Christopher J. Murphy. "The Orange County Sheriff's Department will be keeping the pressure on through enforcement and public awareness so that we can continue saving lives and reach the vision we all share – *Toward zero deaths, every 1 counts*."

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. If you see a drunk driver, call 9-1-1.

