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**Orange County Sheriff's Department plans DUI Checkpoint in Laguna Niguel**

**LAGUNA NIGUEL, California** (November 29, 2012) - The Orange County Sheriff's Department will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in the City of Laguna Niguel at an undisclosed location within the city limits. The hours of the checkpoint will be 6:00 pm to 2:00 am.

During this DUI enforcement operation, deputies will also verify that drivers have a valid driver's license. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving.

From 2008 through 2010, DUI collisions claimed 186 lives and resulted in 5,966 injuries of our friends and neighbors in Orange County. In California, this deadly crime led to 1,072 deaths in 2010 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Alcohol and drug-impaired deaths still made up the largest category of overall vehicle fatalities in 2010 with 29 percent of all deaths caused by a drunk driver. A DUI checkpoint is a proven effective method to lower these numbers.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department reminds everyone that they can assist in preventing drunk driving from ever occurring. If you are planning a gathering or celebration with alcohol included, or if you are out on the town, plan ahead and designate a non-drinking sober driver. A DUI and drug-impaired arrest can cost up to \$10,000 or more, including time in jail, the loss of your driver's license and higher insurance rates.

These enforcement efforts are funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Remember, everyone is encouraged to help keep our roadways safe. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911.



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