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DUI Enforcement Operations Planned for San Clemente, Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano

ALISO VIEJO, California (December 7, 2012) - Deputies from the Orange County Sheriff's Department's DUI Task Force will be deploying 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 on Friday, December 7, 2012 between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. in the cities of San Clemente, Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano. These patrols will be targeting areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests.

"Typically in December we see a rise in DUI collisions and arrests. We will be out looking for impaired drivers," said Deputy Wayne Howard of the Sheriff's Department Traffic Bureau. "This is a 'Zero Tolerance' crackdown so the public is reminded to drive sober or get pulled over."

The Sheriff's Department will also be deploying extra DUI patrols throughout the month of December during the holiday period in an effort to make Orange County streets safer.

In California, drunk or drugged driving led to 791 deaths in 2010 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. After significant decline for five straight years, preliminary figures for 2011 indicate an increase in DUI fatalities.

"Despite the recent increases, California's roadways are still safer than they were before 2006," said 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.*"

Grant funding for this program is provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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