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DUI Enforcement Operations Planned this Weekend

SANTA ANA, Calif. (December 5, 2014) –The Orange County Sheriff's Department's DUI Task Force will deploy this weekend to stop and arrest alcohol and drug-impaired drivers in the department's ongoing traffic safety campaign. DUI Saturation Patrols will deploy on Friday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. and continue until Saturday, December 6th at 3:00 a.m. in the cities of Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel and Laguna Woods.

Sergeant Ray Wert from the Orange County Sheriff's Department Traffic Bureau said, "This is a 'Zero Tolerance' crackdown so Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!"

After falling dramatically for five straight years, figures for 2012 show an increase to 802 deaths because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions in areas contracted by the Orange County Sheriff's Department have claimed 21 lives and resulted in 497 injuries of our friends and neighbors.

DUI 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.

Funding for this program is from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers, Call 911!

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