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Vallejo Police

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DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint This Weekend

The Vallejo Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on Friday July 19th, 2013, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving alcohol drop by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted often enough.

Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. Officers will also check drivers for proper licensing and will strive to delay motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving. Drivers caught driving impaired can expect jail, license suspension, and insurance increases, as well as fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

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. Based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

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"DUI Checkpoints have been an essential part of the phenomenal reduction in DUI deaths that we witnessed since 2006 in California," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. "But since the tragedy of DUI accounts for nearly one third of traffic fatalities, Vallejo needs the high visibility enforcement and public awareness that checkpoints provide."

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Vallejo Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. If you see a Drunk Driver - Call 9-1-1.

MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding the Vallejo Police Department Traffic Safety Operations, please contact Sergeant Kevin Hamrick at (707) 648-4329 or via email at khamrick@ci.vallejo.ca.us

Media can contact the Vallejo PD at 707-651-7147.

Citizens can provide information to the Vallejo PD at 800-488-9383.

Citizens can also provide information anonymously to the Solano Crime Stoppers™ tip line 707-644-STOP. Solano Crime Stoppers™ offers cash rewards for phone tips that solve violent and/or serious crimes.

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