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INCIDENT: DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint
LOCATION: Beach Blvd/Stanton Ave
DATE/TIME: Friday, August 22nd, 2014, 7:00 pm – 2:00 am

SUMMARY:

Buena Park, CA – Buena Park Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on August 22, 2014 in the area of Beach Blvd. and Stanton Ave. between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. DUI checkpoints are a proven enforcement tool effective in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol 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 for proper licensing and will strive to delay motorists only momentarily. 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. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to Buena Park Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, targeting those who still don't heed the message to designate a sober driver.

MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding the Buena Park Traffic Safety Operations, please contact Sgt. Roger Powell at (714)-562-3943 or via email at rpowell@bppd.com.

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