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DUI Enforcement Operations Planned this Weekend

SANTA ANA, Calif. – (July 17, 2014) – Deputies from the Orange County Sheriff’s Department DUI Task Force will be deploying 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, July 18th at 7:00 pm until Saturday, July 19th at 3:00 am in the cities of Stanton, Yorba Linda and Villa Park. These patrols will be targeting areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests. “Don’t drink and drive or you will be arrested for DUI,” said Deputy Shane Stewart of the Orange County Sheriff's Department Traffic Bureau. “This is a ‘Zero Tolerance’ crackdown so Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!”

The goal of the program is to reduce the rate at which the citizens of Orange County are killed or injured in DUI related collisions. After falling for five straight years, figures have increased dramatically nationwide with 802 deaths in 2012 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Over the past three years DUI collisions have claimed 21 lives and resulted in 500 injuries of our friends and neighbors within Sheriff's Department contract areas.

In addition to the pain and suffering of those immediately affected, a DUI can have financial impacts. Conservatively, a fatality has a cost or $1.4 million, an injury $70,000, and a crash that only damages property averages nearly $9,000.

Through implementing these events the Orange County Sheriff’s Department hopes to significantly reduce deaths, injuries and property damage in each of our contract cities.

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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