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DUI Enforcement Operations Planned this Weekend

SANTA ANA, Calif. (August 17, 2016) – Deputies from the Orange County Sheriff's Department's DUI Enforcement Team 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, August 19 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. in the cities of Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods and Aliso Viejo.

"Think before you drink," Deputy Richard Oates from the Orange County Sheriff's Department Traffic Bureau said. "This is a 'Zero Tolerance' crackdown so 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!'"

Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 21 lives and resulted in 497 injury crashes harming our friends and neighbors. In addition to the pain and suffering of those immediately affected, a DUI can impact the economy. Conservatively, a fatality has a $1.4 million impact, an injury $70,000, and a crash that only damages property averages nearly $9,000.

If you're drinking and driving, law enforcement will find and arrest you. No warnings, no excuses. The only way to truly avoid a DUI is to drive sober.

There are many ways to get home safely after drinking, and driving isn't one of them. Designate a sober driver ahead of time, or call a friend or family member. You could also use public transportation, call a taxi, or use ride-share service. The cost for a fare is nothing compared to a $10,000 DUI or the cost of someone's life, and the "inconvenience" of not driving your own car home is nothing compared to the inconvenience of spending time behind bars.

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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