DUI Enforcement Operations Planned this Weekend

San Bernardino, CA – Officers from the San Bernardino Police 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, 05-30-14 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests.

“We want to save lives by reducing the number of traffic collisions caused by impaired drivers” said San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan. “This is a ‘Zero Tolerance’ crackdown so Drive Sober or Get pulled Over!”

In California, this deadly crime led to 774 deaths in 2011 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 12 lives and resulted in 3,010 injury crashes harming 3,286 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 $9000.

“California’s roadways are very much safer today than they were just a few years ago,” said Chief Jarrod Burguan. “The San Bernardino Police Department will be keeping the pressure on through enforcement and public awareness so that we can continue saving lives and prevent injuries.”
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