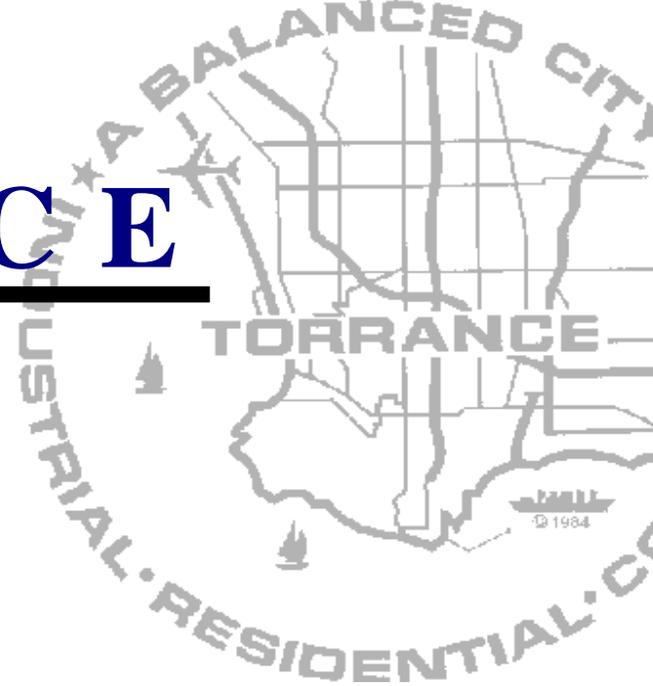


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Press Release
Police Department

DUI Enforcement Operations Planned this Week



Torrance, CA - Officers from the Torrance Police Department's DUI Enforcement Team will be deploying this week to stop and arrest alcohol and drug-impaired drivers in the department's ongoing traffic safety campaign.

DUI Saturation Patrols will deploy on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, between the hours of 6 pm and 2 am, and on Friday, November 28, 2014, between 6 pm and 3:30 am in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests.

"Our enforcement efforts will make the streets safer by removing drunk and drugged drivers from the roadway where they are a hazard for everyone," said Torrance Police Chief Mark Matsuda.

After falling dramatically for five straight years, figures for 2012 show an increase of 802 deaths because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed seven lives and resulted in 70 injury crashes harming 94 of our friends and neighbors.

DUI's 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 \$9,000.

Funding for this program is from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This is a zero tolerance crackdown so **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!**

Report Drunk Drivers. Call 911!

Lieutenant Mark Underwood
Traffic and Special Events Division