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## **Torrance Police Department DUI Checkpoint Nets 11 Arrests**

The Torrance Police Department Traffic Division conducted a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on August 21, 2015 in the E/B lanes of the 5400 block of Torrance Boulevard between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. 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.

DUI/Drivers License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

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. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

Throughout the evening, 1,513 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, which resulted in the following:

1,203 Vehicles Screened  
11 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested  
24 Drivers cited/arrested for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked  
2 Citations issued

The Torrance Police Department will be conducting another DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint during the month of September as part of our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

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