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### **Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 8 Arrests and one Loaded Firearm from a Convicted Felon**

The Riverside Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, August 19, 2011, as part of Riverside's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the City of Riverside. The location of Friday's checkpoint was on Arlington Avenue east of Streeter Avenue. The goal of the DUI Checkpoint was removing unlicensed or impaired drivers and to bring awareness to the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. One suspect (a convicted felon) made an illegal turn to avoid the checkpoint and was found to have a loaded firearm in his vehicle. He was also arrested for DUI.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws the Department's personnel assisted twenty-four families with the proper installation of their child safety seats to ensure the safety of the little ones passing through the checkpoint.

#### **Results:**

- 2556 vehicles passed through the checkpoint.
- 2556 drivers were screened.
- 8 DUI suspects were arrested.
- 103 citations were issued.
- 50 vehicles were impounded.
- 45 unlicensed and suspended drivers were sent to court.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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