



Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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SUMMER/LABOR DAY AVOID CAMPAIGN – FRIDAY UPDATE

DUI Arrests Down

The Summer/Labor Day National Anti-DUI crackdown has resulted in a significant number of DUI arrests from local, routine traffic enforcement and special Avoid the 30 DUI deployments in Riverside County.

From 12:01 AM, Friday, August 19, 2011, through Midnight, Wednesday August 24, 2011, officers representing 30 Riverside County law enforcement agencies have arrested **123** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2010, 270 DUI arrests occurred during the same six (6) day time period.

There were no DUI deaths reported over this time period; however three injuries have been attributed to impaired drivers. Last year, there were no DUI deaths reported.

(**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report**)

For the second weekend of the campaign, extra DUI Saturation Patrols will be deployed in the cities of Coachella, Corona, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Perris and San Jacinto on Friday night. On Saturday evening, more patrols in the cities of Corona, Murrieta, Palm Springs and Riverside are deploying. All regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers will focus efforts at stopping and arresting DUI drivers during their normal shifts. Multiple/DUI Driver's License Checkpoints, Multi-Agency DUI Task Force operations and local Roving DUI patrols are set region-wide during this 18-day Summer/Labor Day Campaign.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911.

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DUI arrest data collection will continue through Labor Day midnight Monday, September 5, 2011.

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MEDIA NOTES: For Riverside County Avoid the 30 program information and results, visit avoidthe30.org or look for us on Facebook. The checkpoint locations and saturation patrols will be made available for media opportunities or ride-a-longs each night.



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