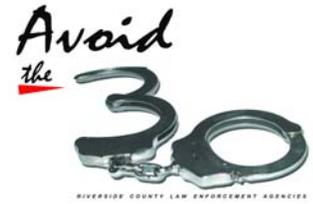




Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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“Avoid the 30” Holiday DUI Enforcement in Riverside County Public Asked to Call 911 to Report Suspected Drunk Drivers

Winter holiday AVOID campaign – New Year’s Eve Update

Riverside, California – The Winter Holiday DUI crackdown on drinking drivers continues in Riverside County. The first 17 days of the campaign has resulted in a large number of DUI arrests. The Riverside County “AVOID the 30” DUI Campaign, from 12:00 AM, Friday December 12, 2008, through midnight December 29, 2008, are reporting provisional arrests of at least **365**** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Tragically, there have been 3 DUI fatalities to report. The first two (2) fatalities involved single vehicle motorcycle collisions, one occurring in Norco and the other in Palm Springs. The 3rd DUI fatality occurred in Hemet, when a DUI driver struck a bicyclist. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with many agencies yet to report**)

Law enforcement officials will be conducting more anti DUI efforts countywide. So if you are gathering with family or friends – Don’t drink and drive, plan for a Designated Driver

DUI Saturation Patrols will be held:

Tuesday, December 30, 2008	1800 - 0200	Palm Springs PD
Wednesday, December 31, 2008	1900-0300	Lake Elsinore PD
Wednesday, December 31, 2008	1900-0300	Perris PD
Thursday, January 1, 2009	1900-0300	Perris PD

DUI Checkpoints will be held:

Wednesday, December 31, 2008	1800-0200	Temecula
Friday, January 2, 2009	1800-0200	Perris
Saturday, January 3, 2009	1800-0200	Perris

All agencies will be on DUI alert and all CHP Areas throughout the state will have increased staffing during the New Year’s Holiday.

“OVER THE LIMIT, UNDER ARREST” is all around the state, if you choose to Drink and Drive this Holiday Season, expect to spend the night behind bars. Designate a driver before you celebrate.

Your local police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer by reporting Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1.

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“The public can be a big help in getting DUI suspects off the road”, said Riverside Police Department Supervisor Karen Haverkamp. “When you see a car swerving all over the road, driving much too fast or much too slow, braking for no reason, driving with no headlights at night or signaling one way and turning the other, make that call to 9-1-1.”

For more information on the holiday enforcement crackdown and enforcement schedules, visit the California Avoid Web Site at www.californiaavoid.org and the Riverside County Avoid Web Site at www.avoidthe30.org .

MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding Avoid the 30 DUI Crackdown, or request a ride-along with law enforcement during the holiday period, please contact Avoid the 30 coordinator, Karen Haverkamp via email at khaver@riversideca.gov. To schedule an interview regarding impaired driving efforts and programs in California please contact Chris Cochran at (916) 262-2975 or via email at ccochran@ots.ca.gov.



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