



Riverside DUI Enforcement PRESS RELEASE

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POLICE CRUSH “SAVAGE SATURDAYS”

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department, California Highway Patrol's Riverside and Inland Division Offices, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and the Office of Traffic Safety have formed a task force to focus on speeding and illegal street racing in the Inland Empire. This law enforcement partnership is delivering the message that street racing and any reckless exhibitions of stunt driving will not be tolerated on our streets.

Over the years, street racing has been a major problem in the Inland Empire. These crimes include reckless driving, racing, exhibition of speed, and vandalism. This form of high-risk driving behavior has caused accidents, which in some cases have led to the deaths of other motorists not involved with the racing.

Street racing groups gather regularly throughout the week with catchy names being used to describe each days gathering. For example, Saturday's are known as “Savage Saturdays.” The past two Saturdays, numerous officers have been deployed to concentrate on any “Primary Collision Factor” violations and street racer enforcement. This enforcement may include citations for any “spectators” watching, recording, or witnessing these sideshows, blocking traffic, and/or aiding in this illegal activity.

Over the past two Saturdays, officers and deputies have stopped 116 vehicles, issued 100 citations for 136 violations, and towed 4 vehicles. Many violators are being referred to the California Bureau of Automotive Repair State Referee to have their vehicles inspected for illegal emissions modification.

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