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Redondo Beach Police to Conduct End of Summer DUI Crackdown

Redondo Beach, CA – The Redondo Beach Police Department will be joining law enforcement agencies throughout California stepping up DUI enforcement at the end of the traditional summer season through Labor Day – August 16 through Sept. 2. During the crackdown period, there will be an increase in law enforcement presence on the roads, including additional officers and DUI checkpoints throughout the state, and those caught driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be arrested.

The Redondo Beach Police Department will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on August 30, 2013 at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The California Office of Traffic Safety is reminding Californians to plan ahead during the crackdown and every day by designating a sober driver.

"The end of summer and Labor Day weekend is traditionally a time to have fun," said Redondo Beach Police Chief Joe Leonardi. "Don't let it turn into a time of tragedy or a jail visit by driving impaired by alcohol or drugs. According to studies by insurance companies, a first time driving under the influence conviction in California can cost more than $15,000. Labor Day should not be the unfortunate reason to make you work more to pay these costs. We will be out looking for those making that unwise and dangerous choice."

The Redondo Police Department will be joining the CHP, Avoid DUI Task Forces and over other 115 local police departments across the state. Specially trained officers will be on hand to detect drivers under the influence of alcohol as well as legal or illegal drugs. In 2011, 774 California drivers with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher were killed in alcohol-impaired crashes. A first-time DUI conviction can cost up to $10,000 in fines, legal fees, and insurance increases.

During the Labor Day weekend in 2011, a total of 138 people across the county were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drivers or motorcycle riders with a .08 BAC or higher. Of those fatalities, 83 percent occurred during early evening and overnight.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Redondo Beach Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.

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MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding the Redondo Beach Traffic Safety Operations, please contact Investigator Bill Turner at (310) 379-2477 x2721 or via email at Bill.Turner@redondo.org