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## **DUI Checkpoint Nets 0 Arrests**

Poway, Calif. – The San Diego County Sheriff's Department conducted a DUI/Driver's license checkpoint on February 09, 2019. The checkpoint was at the 12100 block of Poway Road between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. 591 vehicles drove through the checkpoint with 17 vehicles being directed to the secondary inspection area. No arrests were made.

In addition, 3 drivers were cited for operating a vehicle unlicensed or with a suspended/revoked license, 1 subject was taken into custody for mental illness and 1 vehicle was towed.

DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to be approximately \$13,500. This includes fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspension and other expenses not to mention possible jail time.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department reminds drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, can impair and result in a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department in the city of Poway will be conducting another DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint during the summer months in our ongoing commitment to take suspected impaired drivers off our streets and highways, ultimately lowering the risk for deaths and injuries.

Funding for this checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

