



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SYNOPSIS:

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint on Friday, December 20th in Imperial Beach between 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.

DUI Checkpoints like this one are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests. Deputies will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with deputies checking drivers for proper licensing.

The Sheriff's Department reminds drivers "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

In 2017, 1,120 people were killed in alcohol-involved crashes on California roads. Within the past year, deputies from the Imperial Beach Sheriff's Substation investigated 71 DUI traffic incidents which resulted in 15 DUI collisions with four injuries.

The Sheriff's Department offers these reminders to ensure you have a safe night of fun that doesn't involve a DUI:

- Always use a designated sober driver – a friend who is not drinking, ride-share, cab or public transportation – to get home.
- See someone who is clearly impaired try and drive? Take the keys and help them make other arrangements to find a sober way home.
- Report drunk drivers – Call 9-1-1.
- Hosting a party? Offer non-alcoholic drinks. Monitor who are drinking and how they are getting home.

Getting home safely is cheap, but getting a DUI is not! Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI can



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expect the impact of an arrest to cost more than \$13,500. This includes fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspension and other expenses not to mention possible jail time.

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