



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: DUI Sobriety / Driver's License Checkpoint

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SYNOPSIS:

Lemon Grove continues to be impacted by a high number of "hit-and-run" collisions; where one of the parties has fled the collision scene and evidence of drinking and driving was detected. Furthermore, alcohol use related vehicle collisions continue to occur within the City of Lemon Grove.

On the evening of September 7th, 2018, between the hours of 8:00 PM and 1:00 AM, deputies from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department conducted a DUI sobriety and driver's license checkpoint at the 8000 block of Broadway, City of Lemon Grove. The checkpoint was staffed by approximately 13 Sheriff's Deputies and other Sheriff's Department employees. The purpose of the checkpoint was to raise public awareness about the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs, to deter driving while under the influence and to intervene with motorists found driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The operation also served to check and ensure motorist traveling through the checkpoint were properly licensed to drive a motor vehicle.

A total of 504 vehicles went through the checkpoint. Over 400 motorists were contacted and 26 of those had to be further evaluated due to driver's license discrepancies or to inspect for DUI symptoms. A total of 11 citations were issued to unlicensed or suspended drivers. Six (6) vehicles were impounded and 3 motorists were evaluated for DUI. One(1) driver was arrest for DUI and another was arrested for delaying a peace officer.

The Lemon Grove checkpoint was funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), in conjunction with the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA). The San Diego County Sheriff's Department and the city of Lemon Grove wishes to remind all San Diego County citizens to take every precaution to avoid driving while under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs. A simple precaution may include planning ahead and arranging for a designated driver or alternate transportation.

Any questions about the Lemon Grove DUI checkpoint may be directed to Sergeant J. Dueño, Lemon Grove Substation Traffic Unit – 619-337-2000.