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Impaired Driving Targeted by the Greenfield Police Department Checkpoint

The Greenfield Police Department will conduct a sobriety and driver's license checkpoint on Friday, September 03, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the downtown area of Greenfield where a number of DUI-related collisions and DUI arrests have occurred. Officers will screen drivers passing through the checkpoint for sobriety and for a valid driver's license. Drivers found to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs will be arrested, and unlicensed drivers may be cited and have their cars towed.

"DUI arrests can be embarrassing and expensive, but they're easy to prevent," said Chief Grebmeier. "If you're drinking, hand your keys over to a designated sober driver, or call a taxi or sober friend for a ride home. Don't risk an arrest ---or worse, a serious injury or even death."

The purpose of the sobriety checkpoint is to reduce the number of traffic collisions related to intoxicated drivers and hit and run collisions. The checkpoint will serve as a reminder to use designated drivers and not drink and drive. Our message is simple: if we catch you drunk, you will be arrested.

It is the Greenfield Police Department's goal to continue providing public awareness on the dangers of drinking and driving, and the laws concerning driving without a driver's license. Motorists approaching a checkpoint will observe traffic signs, information and police officers advising that a checkpoint is ahead. Once diverted into a lane, motorists will be delayed a moment while an officer explains the purpose of the checkpoint.

Funding for this checkpoint comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. We can all help make our streets safer, please report Drunk Drivers – Call 911.



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