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**Cypress Police Department Continues
Crackdown on Impaired Drivers with DUI Checkpoint**

The Cypress Police Department will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on Saturday, August 21, 2010, from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m., within the city limits. The department is continuing its efforts to reduce the number of persons killed and/or injured in alcohol-involved collisions locally and through the County's Avoid DUI Task Force Campaign with this DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint. Personnel will be checking drivers to identify and arrest offenders, as well as heightening awareness to the dangers of impaired driving.

The summer months are a dangerous time of the year and your odds of being involved in an alcohol-related collision can be high. In 2008, law enforcement statewide reported that 7,801 people were injured or killed during the three summer months of June, July and August.

A major component of the checkpoints, beyond taking dangerous drivers off the road, is to increase awareness of the consequences of impaired driving and encourage using *sober* designated drivers. A DUI checkpoint is a proven effective method for achieving this goal. By publicizing these enforcement and education efforts, the Cypress Police Department believes motorists are deterred from drinking and then driving. This summer, the Cypress Police Department will also be participating in the **Avoid the 26 DUI Campaign**. All law enforcement agencies will put additional officers out on checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols through the end of August/Labor Day, as part of a nationwide anti-DUI effort; **Over the Limit, Under Arrest!**

Law Enforcement encourages everyone to *Report Drunk Drivers, Call 911!* Funding for this operation is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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