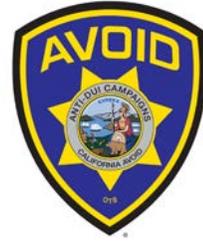




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WINTER HOLIDAY AVOID THE 12 DUI CAMPAIGN –UPDATE 1

DUI Arrests Down & DUI Fatalities remain at zero

The Winter Holiday Anti-DUI crackdown has resulted in a significant number of DUI arrests from local routine traffic enforcement and special AVOID the 12 DUI deployments since the winter enforcement period started on Friday December 14th.

From 12:01 AM Friday December 14th through 12:00 PM Wednesday December 19th, officers representing 12 county law enforcement agencies have arrested 45 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2011, 56 DUI arrests occurred during the same time period. (NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report)

All regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers will focus efforts at stopping and arresting DUI drivers during their normal shifts. Multiple DUI/Driver's License Checkpoints, Multi Agency DUI Task Force operations and local Roving DUI patrols are all part of this region-wide crackdown during the 19 day Winter Holiday Campaign.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911! Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. DUI arrest data collection will continue through New Year's Weekend, midnight Sunday, January 1, 2013.

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