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Vacaville Police to Conduct End of Summer DUI Crackdown

The Vacaville Police Department will be joining law enforcement agencies throughout California stepping-up DUI enforcement at the end of the traditional summer season through Labor Day – August 16 through September 2, 2013.

During the crackdown period, there will be an increase in law enforcement presence on the roads, including additional officers and DUI checkpoints throughout the state, and those caught driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be arrested.

The Vacaville Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints on August 16, August 23 and September 1, 2013 at undisclosed locations within the city limits between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and midnight. The California Office of Traffic Safety is reminding Californians to plan ahead during the crackdown - and every day - by designating a sober driver.

"The end of summer and Labor Day weekend is traditionally a time to have fun," said Traffic Sergeant Mark Donaldson. "Don't let it turn into a time of tragedy or jail visit by driving impaired by alcohol or drugs. We will be out looking for those making that unwise and dangerous choice."

The Vacaville Police Department will be joining the CHP, Avoid DUI Task Forces and over other 115 local police departments across the state. Specially trained officers will be on hand to detect drivers under the influence of alcohol as well as legal or illegal drugs. In 2011, 774 California drivers with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher were killed in alcohol-impaired crashes. A first-time DUI conviction can cost up to $10,000 in fines, legal fees, and insurance increases.

During the Labor Day weekend in 2011, a total of 138 people across the county were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drivers or motorcycle riders with a .08 BAC or higher.

Funding for these checkpoints is provided to the Vacaville Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. If you see a drunk driver, call 9-1-1.