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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Milpitas Police Department Targets Impaired Drivers with DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint**

#### ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***

Milpitas, CA – The Milpitas Police Department, in conjunction with the Santa Clara County Avoid the 13 allied agencies, will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on September 1, 2012, between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 3:00 a.m, on South Main Street. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint and looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. Drivers caught driving impaired can expect jail, license suspension, and insurance increases, as well as fines, fees, DUI classes, court probation, and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

All too often, members of our community are senselessly injured or killed on local roadways by impaired drivers. “Over the course of the past year, we investigated approximately 39 DUI collisions, which included one fatal collision,” said Acting Chief Steve Pangelinan.

This DUI/Drivers License checkpoint is an effort to reduce those tragedies, and officers will be checking drivers for proper licensing. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk or drug impaired, and they bring about more awareness, encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent.

Funding for this operation is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**Report Drunk Drivers. Call 911!**