

# NEWS



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## **SUNNYVALE SAFETY AND SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT AIMS TO EDUCATE**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. –Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety officers will operate a safety and sobriety checkpoint Wednesday, March 17. The primary purpose of the checkpoint is public education.

Each year a countywide "Avoid the 13" safe-driving program is launched by police agencies in Santa Clara County. Numerous checkpoints will be established throughout the county, all with the intent of educating the public to the perils of driving while impaired.

Cars traveling northbound on Mathilda Avenue between Maude and San Aleso avenues will be randomly stopped and checked. Officers will look at the safety of the vehicle, use of seatbelts, the operator's license and state of sobriety. The checkpoint is scheduled to operate from 9 p.m. until 3 a.m.

Funding for this program was been provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

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