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## **DUI Checkpoint Aims to Promote Safety for the Holidays**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety will operate a safety and sobriety checkpoint on Saturday, December 14 from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. at an undisclosed location. As part of the countywide “Avoid the 13” safe-driving program, police agencies in Santa Clara County establish numerous checkpoints throughout the county, all with the intent of educating the public about the perils of driving while impaired.

Since the beginning of 2013, Sunnyvale DPS has made 212 driving under the influence (DUI) arrests – yet, there were still 96 drunk driving accidents in Sunnyvale since the start of the year. During this checkpoint, vehicles will be randomly stopped and drivers will be evaluated to determine their state of sobriety. Officers also will look at the safety of the vehicle, use of seatbelts and the validity of the operator’s license.

Sunnyvale DPS will be live-tweeting from this Avoid the 13 event. Residents can follow @SunnyvaleDPS on Twitter to get updates and follow #Avoid13 to see tweets from all 13 agencies during their own checkpoints through the end of the year. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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