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Sunnyvale DUI Checkpoint Scheduled for August 30

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers will operate a safety and sobriety checkpoint on August 30. The primary purpose of the checkpoint is to promote public safety by increasing awareness of the dangers associated with drinking and driving as part of a countywide effort to remind residents to designate a sober driver before going out for Labor Day weekend.

Vehicles traveling southbound on Mathilda between Washington and El Camino Real will be randomly stopped and drivers will be evaluated to determine their state of sobriety. Officers will also look at the safety of the vehicle, use of seatbelts and the validity of the operator's license. The checkpoint is scheduled to operate from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Each year, a countywide "Avoid the 13" safe-driving program is launched by police agencies in Santa Clara County with funding provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Numerous checkpoints are established throughout the county, all with the intent of educating the public to the perils of driving while impaired. Even with public outreach events like safety and sobriety checkpoints, Sunnyvale DPS made 259 arrests and responded to 53 accidents for drunk driving in our City since August 2012.

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As part of this year's public outreach efforts, Sunnyvale DPS will be joining the 13 other agencies across Santa Clara County who will be live-tweeting from their Avoid 13 events. Residents can follow @SunnyvaleDPS on Twitter to get updates and #Avoid13 to see tweets from all 13 agencies. Images from the event will also be posted on the City of Sunnyvale's social media accounts and can be seen at *Facebook.inSunnyvale.com*, *GooglePlus.inSunnyvale.com* and *Flickr.inSunnyvale.com* by the next business day.

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