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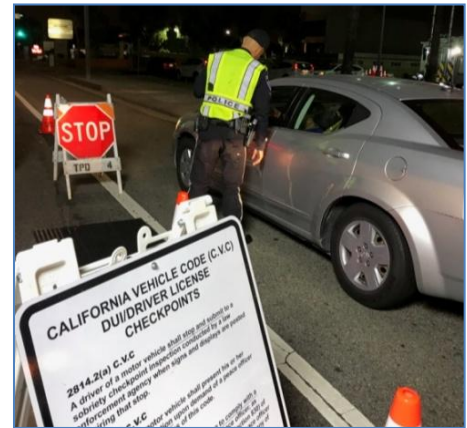
Police Department

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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

This holiday season, the Torrance Police Department is partnering with the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to get impaired drivers off roads.

Between December 14th and January 1st, the Torrance Police Department will be conducting saturation patrols to look for persons suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Beginning 8 PM on December 20th through 3 AM the following morning, the Torrance Police Department will hold a DUI checkpoint at an undisclosed location within the Torrance city limits looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, as well as checking drivers for proper licensing.



During the 2017 Christmas (Dec. 22-25) and New Year's (Dec. 30-Jan. 2) holiday periods, 25 people were killed and 643 injured on California roads, according to data from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS).

The Torrance Police Department reminds drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Marijuana, prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications can be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs. Funding for impaired driving enforcement operations are provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"People are out and about shopping for the holidays and going to or hosting parties, so it is important that everyone acts responsibly behind the wheel," said Sergeant David Koenig of the Torrance Police Department.

Sergeant David Koenig
Acting Traffic and Special Events Division Commander

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