

# T O R R A N C E

## Press Release

Police Department

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## Celebrate July 4th Responsibly

### Enforcement Efforts to Stop Suspected Impaired Drivers

The Torrance Police Department wishes everyone a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. To help keep the roadways safe during this celebration, the Torrance Police Department will have additional officers on patrol during the holiday period looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Last year, 73 people were injured in alcohol-related collisions statewide. "Drinking and driving is a bad combination," said Torrance Police Sergeant David Koenig. "Please be smart and make this 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday a fun and memorable one." DUI doesn't just mean booze. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and marijuana can also affect your ability to drive safely.

The average cost of a DUI arrest is approximately \$13,500, accounting for vehicle impound fees, fines, attorney fees, auto insurance hikes and other penalties.

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

Sergeant David Koenig  
Traffic and Special Events Division Commander

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