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SAN FERNANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) CHECKPOINT ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

SAN FERNANDO, CA – The San Fernando Police Department (SFPD) will hold a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Checkpoint on September 24, 2021, from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM, at an undisclosed location at the City limits.

Checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired.

During the checkpoint, officers will check to ensure all drivers are properly licensed in addition to looking for signs that drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The SFPD reminds everyone that the safety of the community is and always will be the Department's primary mission. San Fernando Police are looking for impaired drivers because driving under the influence is dangerous and puts others on the road at risk. The SFPD is committed to keeping the traveling public safe.

The SFPD reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or

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operating heavy machinery, which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal. If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Drive Safely San Fernando!

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