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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO TO CONDUCT A DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) SATURATION PATROL OPERATION ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

SAN FERNANDO, CA – The San Fernando Police Department (SFPD) will conduct a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) saturation patrol operation on Friday, December 13, 2024, within city limits. The patrol operation will take place throughout the City of San Fernando, between the hours of 6:00 pm and 2:00 am.

The purpose of the DUI saturation patrol is to enhance public safety by increasing the visibility of police officers in areas known for impaired driving. By concentrating resources to identify and apprehend drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs, these patrols deter drunk driving, reduce traffic accidents, and raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving. This initiative is part of the SFPD's ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety of our community.

Message from Chief Valdez, "Driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics is extremely dangerous and puts everyone on the road at risk. We have seen firsthand the devastating impact that impaired driving can have on families and our community. We urge all drivers to make responsible choices — never drive under the influence. Designate a sober driver, use a rideshare service, or plan ahead to avoid putting lives in danger."

DUI saturation patrols have proven to be an effective deterrent, helping reduce the number of impaired drivers on the road. During these patrols, officers will be actively monitoring for signs of alcohol and drug impairment, as well as ensuring that drivers are in possession of a valid driver's license. The City of San Fernando reminds residents that driving under the influence is not only illegal but can also be deadly.

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The SFPD urges everyone to celebrate responsibly and to never drive under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, or any impairing substances. Remember, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." 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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