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Avoid the 18

Tulare and Kings County
DUI Campaign

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Memorial Day Weekend Holiday DUI Crackdown

High Visibility Avoid DUI Campaign Set for Holiday Weekend

Visalia, CA – The Avoid the 18 DUI Task Force is deploying officers this holiday weekend at DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints and DUI Saturation Patrols countywide to arrest impaired drivers and to keep the public aware of the dangers of driving while impaired by alcohol and drugs.

The start of the summer season has arrived, along with many college and high school graduations, but if history repeats... drunk or drugged driving crashes will rise when reckless drivers take to the roadways impaired. Friends and families will gather for celebrations, and to start the summer season - often with alcohol - this 3-day weekend. Law enforcement is reminding everyone to make plans now for those weekend trips and partying. Make sure to use a 'Designated Sober Driver' to prevent arrest or worse, a deadly driving tragedy.

Law enforcement throughout the region, beginning Friday night, will deploy DUI/Driver's License checkpoints and DUI Saturation Patrols. The California Highway Patrol is deploying all available officers Memorial Day weekend onto freeways and county roads as part of their *Maximum Enforcement Period*.

Law enforcement region-wide is asking for everyone's support this holiday weekend, and all summer long:

- Plan ahead. Arrange rides home for your friends, family, co-workers and yourself before the drinking begins.
- Those hosting celebrations and servers must limit drinks to your guests or patrons. Don't serve more than one or two over several hours.
- Identify and provide free non-alcoholic drinks to the Designated Sober Driver. For tasty drink recipes, visit the DDrink Mixology Center at www.facebook.com/CaliforniaOTS.
- Cut back on the amount of drinks you plan to bring to the party – and provide plenty of food.
- If you see dangerous driving, Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

Funding for the Avoid DUI Task Force is by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Avoid Task Force will deploy checkpoints and DUI patrols next during the Independence Day Holiday and for the summer August/Labor Day DUI Mobilization.

Note: See Attached Enforcement Schedule of operations for dates/locations/times within the county.



Tulare and Kings County Avoid the 18 DUI Task Force

Memorial Day Weekend Schedule of Operations

Sobriety Checkpoint:

FRIDAY, May 24: Visalia Police Department: 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

SATURDAY, May 25 Corcoran Police Department: 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Saturation Patrols:

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, May 24-25: Extra DUI Roving Patrols will be assigned by police within the cities of Visalia, Exeter, Lemoore, Hanford and Avenal. The Kings County Sheriff's Office will staff extra DUI units in Kings County to support those police departments.

California Highway Patrol Maximum Enforcement Period: CHP will deploy all available officers to the region's freeways and unincorporated roads beginning 6 PM Friday through midnight Monday.

Law Enforcement throughout California reminds everyone to *'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.'* Funding for the California Avoid DUI Campaign is from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

