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Avoid the 18 Tulare and Kings County DUI Campaign



PRESS RELEASE

The Memorial Day Weekend, Avoid the 18 – DUI Campaign has concluded with the deployment of a Sobriety Checkpoint, four special DUI Saturation Patrols, and officers on routine patrol focusing special attention towards the impaired driver working to lower deaths/injuries on our streets and highways.

From 12:01 AM Friday May 24, through Midnight, Monday May 27, officers representing 18 county law enforcement agencies arrested 42 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2012, 25 DUI arrests were made during the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Law enforcement officials will be conducting more Avoid Anti-DUI efforts throughout the county and region during the Independence Day holiday period and the 18 day campaign in August ending on Labor Day weekend.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to watch and report impaired drivers, each and every trip around town or during summer vacations: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1! anytime you encounter that dangerous driver. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Avoid programs, named for the number of police agencies in each county, will be conducting other enforcement efforts during special events with identified DUI problems. In recognition that the summer season is among the deadliest time of the year, law enforcement agencies throughout the county will be making every effort to arrest drunk drivers before another life is lost.

