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DUI SATURATION PATROL NETS 8 ARRESTS

The Hemet Police Department conducted a DUI Saturation Patrol on 3-9-2011 as part of Hemet's commitment to traffic safety. The Saturation Patrol was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the City of Hemet.

DUI Saturation Patrols are highly effective enforcement techniques used to combat those who do not heed the dangers of impaired driving and are a proven deterrent with the goal of removing alcohol and drug impaired drivers and heighten awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence.

Four Hemet Police Officers deployed as a team and in their combined efforts went in search of impaired drivers. Not only did officers locate a total of four DUI drivers, there were four other arrests and several citations issued along Florida Ave. and other surface streets. Officers also conducted bar checks in order to inform the public of increased patrols and dangers of impaired driving. Since the first of this year, there have been 37 persons arrested for DUI.

March 9, 2012 Saturation Patrol Totals

- 35 Vehicles were stopped for varies violations
- 4 DUI alcohol involved suspects arrested
- 0 DUI drug impaired suspects arrested
- 1 Suspects arrested for illegal drugs (possession/transportation/sales)
- 2 Unlicensed and/or suspended/revoked drivers sent to court
- 4 Arrested on other criminal charges
- 4 Citations issued

Those arrested and convicted for DUI can expect jail time, vehicle storage or impound fees, license suspension, fines, fees, DUI classes, insurance rates will increase and other expenses that can push the cost of an arrest to over \$10,000; not to mention the embarrassment they'll face around family, friends & co-workers.

Hemet Police Department will continue random Saturation Patrols throughout the month of March, as well as DUI/Drivers Licenses Checkpoints. Please help keep our streets and highways safer everyday of the week: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1! Funding for this and other DUI operations are from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.