



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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## Press Release

**DATE:** Monday, December 18, 2006  
**INCIDENT:** **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT**  
**LOCATION:** **TO BE RELEASED LATER**

Please announce the following:

(RIDGECREST) The Ridgecrest Police Department announced today that **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT** is scheduled for **Saturday December 23, 2006 between 10:00 PM and 02:30 AM** at an undisclosed location inside the city of Ridgecrest. Our message is clear, **“Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest”**. Driving Under the Influence is a crime and can be totally preventable” said Chief Avery.

Chief Avery noted that motorists approaching the checkpoint will be able to see signs advising them that a sobriety checkpoint is ahead. Once diverted into the checkpoint, motorists will be detained only for a few moments while the officer explains the purpose of the checkpoint.

The Ridgecrest Police Department considers the use of checkpoints to be an important tool in its efforts to curtail driving while intoxicated. Checkpoint locations are typically located in areas of HIGH DUI ARRESTS and COLLISIONS. The use of checkpoints has been effective in detecting and removing impaired drivers from the road.

The checkpoint is funded by a grant from the **Office of Traffic Safety**.

All Ridgecrest Police Department Sobriety Checkpoints are conducted in accordance with the Guidelines for Checkpoint Operations outlined in the Supreme Court Decision, *Ingersoll vs. Palmer*. Since extensive publicity is viewed as a legal safeguard, the news media will be advised well in advance whenever a checkpoint is planned. The exact location of the checkpoint will be available to the media two hours before the checkpoint is planned to start. News media may contact the Ridgecrest Police Department at (760) 499-5100 for the location.

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