



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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## Press Release

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** June 24, 2011

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** DUI / Drivers License CHECKPOINT

**LOCATION OCCURED:** City of Ridgecrest

The Ridgecrest Police Department will conduct a sobriety and driver's license checkpoint in the City of Ridgecrest on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 6 pm to 2 am.

In an effort to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes, sobriety checkpoints are conducted to identify offenders and get them off the street, as well as educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving.

All too often, innocent drivers are senselessly injured or killed on local roadways by impaired drivers. This DUI/drivers license checkpoint is an effort to reduce those tragedies, as well as ensuring motorists have a valid driver license. A major component of these checkpoints is to increase awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and to encourage sober designated drivers.

If you're going to drink, do not drive. And equally important, don't get into a vehicle with a driver who has been drinking. Plan ahead and designate a non-drinking driver.

This Checkpoint is funded by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

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