



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** August 4, 2008

**Location:** City of Banning

**Incident:** DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint

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### *Banning Police Department Targets Impaired Drivers with Checkpoint*

The Banning Police Department, in conjunction with the Beaumont Police Department, conducted two DUI/Driver's License checkpoints on Friday, August 1, 2008 in the 1200 block of West Ramsey Street from 7:00 PM to 1:00 AM and on Sunday, August 3, 2008 in the 1400 block of West Ramsey Street from 6:00 PM to Midnight. These DUI/Driver's License checkpoints were conducted in an effort to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol involved crashes. DUI checkpoints are utilized to help identify offenders and get them off the street, as well as educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving.

All too often, members of our community are senselessly injured or killed on local roadways by impaired drivers. These DUI/Driver's License checkpoints were an effort to reduce those tragedies, as well as to insure drivers had valid driver's license. A major component of these checkpoints was to increase awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and to encourage sober designated drivers.

A DUI checkpoint is a proven effective method for achieving this goal. By publicizing these enforcement and education efforts, the Banning Police Department and the Beaumont Police Department believe motorists can be deterred from drinking and driving. Our objective was to send a clear message to those who are considering driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol and/or drugs – *Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest.*

These two DUI/Driver's License checkpoints resulted in over 700 vehicles passing through the checkpoints, which resulted in over 150 citations being issued, 7 arrests were made for operating a vehicle without a driver's license, 12 vehicles were impounded, and 11 people were arrested (1 for DUI, 2 for outstanding felony warrants, and 8 for outstanding misdemeanor warrants).

Funding for this operation is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Please contact the Banning Police Department Traffic Bureau with any questions 951-922-3170.