



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** August 27, 2008

**Location:** City of Banning

**Incident:** DUI / Drivers License Checkpoint

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### *Banning Police Arrest 23 People During Weekend DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint*

During the weekend of August 22, through August 24, The Banning Police Department held two DUI/Driver's License checkpoints in the 2900 block of West Ramsey Street. On Friday, August 22, 2008, the Banning Police Department was complimented with the assistance of the Beaumont Police Department and the Desert Hot Springs Police Department. 371 vehicles drove through the checkpoint, which resulted in 2 people being arrested for Driving under the Influence. In addition, 7 people were arrested for driving while unlicensed and 26 citations were issued for miscellaneous vehicle code violations.

On Sunday, August 24, 2008, Desert Hot Springs Police Department again assisted the Banning Police Department with another DUI/Driver's License checkpoint. 329 vehicles drove through the checkpoint, which resulted in 2 people being arrested for Driving under the Influence. In addition, 9 people were arrested for driving while unlicensed and 20 citations were issued for miscellaneous vehicle code violations. 2 people were arrested for outstanding warrants and 1 person was arrested for Providing False Identification to an Officer and booked into jail.

In all, 700 vehicles passing through the checkpoints, 4 people arrested for DUI, 16 arrests for driving while unlicensed, 2 warrants arrests, 1 criminal arrest, 46 citations were issued, and 16 vehicles were towed.

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, the Beaumont Police Department, and the Desert Hot Springs 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*.

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.