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## **MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT DUI CHECKPOINT**

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DUI drivers beware. If you drink and drive and we catch you, you will be arrested. That is the message the Merced Police Department Traffic Division wants the public to know as they conduct a DUI and Driver's license checkpoint on April 16, 2010. In an effort to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol involved crashes, DUI 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, members of our community 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 insuring drivers have a valid driver's license. A major component of these checkpoints is 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 Merced Police Department believes motorists can be deterred from drinking and driving.

For additional information regarding DUI Enforcement and DUI Statistics please join the Merced Police Department Traffic Division and California Office of Traffic Safety Facebook Fan page.

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