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DUI Enforcement Operations Planned

FONTANA, CA - Officers from the Fontana Police Department's DUI Enforcement Team will be deploying throughout the week to stop and arrest impaired drivers in the Department's ongoing traffic safety campaign.

"For those who don't care about their own safety or the safety of others, *BEWARE* – We're looking for you," said Chief Rod Jones, Fontana PD. "If we catch you behind the wheel of your car or riding your motorcycle while intoxicated, or even buzzed, you will go to jail."

Fontana PD will be conducting another "Zero Tolerance" DUI Saturation Patrol on Thursday, May 5, 2011, in addition to a DUI/DL Checkpoint on Saturday, May 7, 2011, targeting those who still don't heed the message to designate a sober driver before their celebrations begin. Funding for this program is through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Over the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed eight lives and resulted in 167 injuries in the City of Fontana alone" said Sergeant Morris of the Traffic Bureau. "In other words, approximately every six days a family in our community is adversely affected in the form of an injured or lost loved one as a result of a DUI driver."

Statewide, overall traffic deaths declined by 23 percent, from 3,995 in 2007 to 3,081 in 2009. Total traffic fatalities are at their lowest levels in six decades. DUI deaths declined by 16 percent, from 1,132 in 2007 to 950 in 2009. Alcohol impaired deaths still make up the largest category of overall vehicle fatalities, with 31 percent of all deaths caused by a drunk driver.

"Everyone in California should be heartened with these declines," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). "But as encouraging as this is, we can't let up on the efforts to encourage and support traffic safety. Please, help make your community safe; if you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1."

MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding the Fontana PD Traffic Safety Operations, please contact Sgt. Billy Green at (909) 854-8013. To schedule an interview regarding impaired driving efforts and programs in California please contact Chris Cochran, California Office of Traffic Safety at (916) 905-3063 or via email at ccochran@ots.ca.gov.

