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# Santa Cruz Police to Conduct DUI Checkpoint

# Announcement

On Saturday, May 18th, 2013, from 11pm to 3am, the Santa Cruz Police Department, in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol, Watsonville Police Department and the Capitola Police Department will be conducting a "Driving Under the Influence" (DUI) sobriety checkpoint on the Ocean St corridor. Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Santa Cruz Police Department by a state grant furnished by the California Alcohol Beverage Control.

Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and will strive to only delay motorists momentarily.  Drivers caught driving impaired can expect possible arrest, license suspension, and insurance increases, as well as fines, fees, DUI classes, and other expenses that can exceed $10,000.

The primary purpose of a DUI Checkpoint is to increase awareness, deter impaired driving and to arrest those drivers who are found to be under the influence.  The checkpoint is being held to continue the Santa Cruz Police Department's commitment to public safety in our community and to remove impaired drivers from our roadways.

The Santa Cruz Police Department urges the community to report DUI drivers by calling 911.

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