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DUI & Driver's License Checkpoint

The Gilroy Police Department is committed to improve traffic safety within our community. In October 2010, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) awarded the department a grant that allowed for the deployment of an additional traffic officer. The department, with the assistance of OTS, has increased drunk driving enforcement, traffic safety education and traffic enforcement efforts.

The Gilroy Police Department will be administering a DUI & Driver's License Checkpoint on June 11, 2011 from 8pm to June 12, 2011 at 2:30am. The checkpoint will be located on eastbound Leavesley Road – between Monterey Street and Murray Avenue, Gilroy.

The checkpoint will be administered in compliance with state law and the department's OTS grant. The purpose of the checkpoint is to:

- To increase community education and raise awareness of the negative effects of drunk driving,
- To arrest drunk drivers,
- To review the driver's license of those who pass through the checkpoint – to ensure drivers are knowledgeable about the "rules of the road" and have shown such ability to DMV and to ensure the licenses' have not been suspended or revoked by DMV or the court.

The safety & protection of our community is the department's priority. Checkpoints, in addition to increased DUI saturation patrols, send a clear message to those who endanger our community – There is NO tolerance for drunk driving – you will be arrested and prosecuted.

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

Please contact the department Traffic Division at (408) 846-0521 for traffic related questions or concerns.

For any media inquiries please call (408) 846-0347.

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