



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Hawthorne Police Department, Manhattan Beach Police Department and Hermosa Beach Police Department Special DUI Enforcement Crackdown

The Hawthorne Police Department, Manhattan Beach Police Department, and Hermosa Beach Police Department Traffic and DUI Enforcement Teams will be deploying officers on a special saturation patrol this weekend to crack down on drunk driving in an ongoing effort to improve traffic safety, save lives, and prevent injuries.

Officers will be conducting this "Zero Tolerance" DUI Saturation Patrol on Friday, July 23rd, 2010, targeting those who still don't heed the message to designate a sober driver before their celebrations begin. Funding for the patrol is being provided through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

From 2006 to 2007, California witnessed a significant decline in the number of people killed in alcohol involved deaths, from 1,597 to 1,489 killed; however, another 30,641 people were injured in 2007.

"Law enforcement officers are doing more to remove drunk drivers from California's streets and highways thanks to our DUI traffic safety funding," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. "But everyone can help make their communities safer. If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1."

The July 23, 2010, Friday DUI Patrol will deploy within the city limits of Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach on beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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