



Avoid the 100 Los Angeles County DUI Taskforce

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GLENDORA POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT FOR COUNTY-WIDE DUI ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN

Drunk and drugged driving remains the number one killer on our roadways, with nearly 800 deaths and over 24,000 injuries. The “Avoid the 100” DUI Task Force will be attacking this problem head on through DUI enforcement efforts in Los Angeles County as a result of a recent \$450,000.00 grant awarded by the California Office of Traffic Safety to the Glendora Police Department. The Glendora Police Department will administer the grant for the entire county.

“Drunk and drugged driving is one of the most frequently committed violent crimes in the United States,” said Glendora Police Chief Rob Castro. “With the additional grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the past seven years, we have been allowed to proceed with our mission of saving lives and bringing awareness to our communities through coordination of the Avoid the 100 DUI Task Force,” he said.

The “Avoid the 100” DUI Task Force is named to send the message that if you don’t drink or use drugs and drive, you will *avoid* getting arrested by any of the 100 participating law enforcement agencies in the county.

The grant activities will specifically target those who get behind the wheel after drinking too much or using drugs that impair driving. Officers will be staffing DUI/Driver License Checkpoints, multi-agency DUI Task Force deployments, and local DUI saturation patrols for each partnering agency. Additionally, funding will target the ‘worst of the worst’ repeat DUI offenders with Warrant/Probation Sweeps around the county

“The Avoid DUI Task Forces have been an essential part of the phenomenal reduction in DUI deaths that we witnessed from 2006 to 2010 in California,” said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. “But since the tragedy of DUI accounts for nearly one third of traffic fatalities, Los Angeles County needs the high visibility enforcement and public awareness that this grant will provide.”

A large part of grant funding will go to DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints – highly visible, highly publicized events not only meant to make arrests, but to deter impaired driving in the first place.

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Crashes involving alcohol drop by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted often enough. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent.

Motorists can expect to see special DUI campaigns during the winter and summer holiday periods as well as on Halloween, Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo and during local special events with identified DUI Problems. Funding for the grant comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The law enforcement agencies participating in the 'Avoid the 100' DUI taskforce include the L.A.P.D., California Highway Patrol in Los Angeles County, the L.A. Sheriff's Department as well as the following cities:

Alhambra	Glendale	Pomona
Arcadia	Glendora	Redondo Beach
Azusa	Hawthorne	San Fernando
Baldwin Park School Police	Hermosa Beach	San Gabriel
Bell	Huntington Park	San Marino
Bell Gardens	Inglewood	Santa Monica
Burbank	Irwindale	Sierra Madre
Claremont	La Verne	Signal Hill
Covina	Long Beach	South Pasadena
Culver City	Manhattan Beach	Southgate
Downey	Monrovia	Torrance
El Camino	Montebello	UCLA
El Monte	Monterey Park	Vernon
El Segundo	Palos Verdes	West Covina
Gardena	Pasadena	Whittier



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