



# Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office



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## News Release

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### **WINTER HOLIDAY AVOID DUI CAMPAIGN – UPDATE 2**

#### **DUI Arrests Down & One DUI Fatality in Santa Ynez**

The Winter Holiday Anti-DUI crackdown has resulted in a significant number of DUI arrests from local routine traffic enforcement, sobriety checkpoints and special 'AVOID the 12' DUI deployments over the weekend.

From 12:01 AM Friday, December 13, 2013 through noon Friday, December 20, 2013 officers representing 12 county law enforcement agencies have arrested **55** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2012, **60** DUI arrests occurred during the same time period.

**\*\*NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report\*\***

Tragically, on December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:10 pm, there was a death attributed to a suspected DUI driver in Santa Ynez. A 68 year old woman passed away from injuries she sustained from a multi-vehicle collision, which occurred on Highway 246 near the Chumash Casino. Rebecca Sandoval, age 37, of Lompoc, was uninjured and arrested for suspicion of DUI by CHP. The Buellton CHP Office is handling this investigation.

On Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, the cities of Lompoc, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria will have sobriety checkpoints within their cities.

On Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 'AVOID the 12' will conduct a multi-agency DUI / Driver's License checkpoint in the City of Santa Barbara.

Extra local DUI Saturation Patrols will be deployed in the cities of Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, and Santa Maria over the weekend.

All regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers will focus efforts at stopping and arresting DUI drivers during their normal shifts. Multiple DUI/Driver's License Checkpoints, Multi

Agency DUI Task Force operations and local Roving DUI patrols are all part of this region-wide crackdown during the 20 day Winter Holiday Campaign.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911! Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**'AVOID the 12'** refers to the number of Law Enforcement agencies in Santa Barbara County that you will avoid being in contact with should you chose to drive sober.

DUI arrest data collection will continue through New Year's Weekend, midnight Sunday, January 1, 2014.



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