



# Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office



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## News Release

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### **WINTER HOLIDAY AVOID DUI CAMPAIGN – UPDATE 3**

### ***93 DUI Drivers Have Been Arrested***

#### *DUI Arrests Up & DUI Fatalities remain at one*

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 during the winter holiday enforcement period.

From 12:01 AM Friday, December 13, 2013 through midnight, December 26, 2013 officers representing 12 county law enforcement agencies have arrested **93** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2012, **92** DUI arrests occurred during the same time period.

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

On Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 'AVOID the 12' will conduct a multi-agency DUI Task Force in the City of Santa Barbara looking for DUI driver's on our roadways.

Extra local DUI Saturation Patrols will continue to 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 Day, Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.



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