



INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DUI/DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKPOINT

The Inglewood Police Department will conduct a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on Friday, March 4, 2011, from approximately 8:00 pm to 3:30am. The checkpoint will monitor westbound traffic on Florence Avenue at Centinela Avenue, in the City of Inglewood.

Motorists approaching the checkpoint will see informational signs advising them that a sobriety checkpoint is ahead. Once diverted into the checkpoint lane, motorists will be detained for only a few moments while officers explain the purpose of the checkpoint, check their driver's licenses, and ensure motorists are not impaired due to alcohol and/or drugs.

Sobriety checkpoints are conducted in accordance with guidelines for checkpoint operations summarized in the Supreme Court decision, *Ingersoll vs. Palmer*. Traffic volume permitting, all vehicles will be checked. If traffic volume becomes too heavy, vehicles will then be checked by a pre-set standard (such as every 3rd or 5th vehicle) to ensure objectivity.

Our objective is to send a clear message to those who are considering driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol and/or drugs; if we catch you driving buzzed, drunk or impaired by drugs, you will go to jail. Remember, everyone is encouraged to help keep our roadways safe; Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911!

Funding for this program is provided by the by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

MEDIA NOTES: To schedule an interview regarding the Inglewood Police Department's Traffic Division call (310) 412-5207. To schedule an interview regarding impaired driving efforts and programs in California, please contact Chris Cochran, California Office of Traffic Safety at (916) 905-3063 or via email at ccochran@ots.ca.gov.

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