



# INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

**CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA**

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## **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT**

The Inglewood Police Department will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on **Saturday, January 15, 2011**, from approximately 7:00 pm to 3:00am. The checkpoint will monitor eastbound traffic on Imperial Highway at the intersection of Simms 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 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> vehicle) to ensure objectivity.

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

Anyone with questions regarding this checkpoint may call the Inglewood Police Department's Traffic Division at (310) 412-5207.

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