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Signal Hill Police Department Are Arresting Drunk Drivers *Remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*

Signal Hill, CA— The Signal Hill Police Department will work around the clock to keep drivers and passengers safe as they search for impaired drivers. SHPD is partnering with the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in a special *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement mobilization to get impaired drivers off the street and to spread the word about this dangerous crime.

As part of the enforcement campaign period, police, Sheriff, and the CHP will be deploying DUI Checkpoints and DUI Saturation Patrols during the upcoming DUI crackdown throughout the region. Signal Hill PD is conducting a DUI Checkpoint on March 24, 2023.

Driving under the influence of alcohol can have deadly, devastating consequences. Nationally in 2019, 36,560 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. California reported 3,606 fatalities and 1,066 died in crashed where a driver had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

In recent years, California has seen an increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. Signal Hill PD supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.” If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana use can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

Drivers are encouraged to download the Designated Driver VIP, or “DDVIP,” free mobile app for Android or iPhone. The DDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free appetizers and more.

Funding for this DUI operation is provided to Your Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to ‘Report Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1’.

