



National City Police Department  
**For Immediate Release**  
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### **The National City Police Department Holding DUI Checkpoint August 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

National City, Calif. – On August 26th, the National City Police Department will conduct a driving under the influence (DUI) Checkpoint starting at 6pm at an undisclosed location.

DUI checkpoint locations are determined based on data showing incidents of impaired driving-related crashes. The primary purpose of DUI checkpoints are to promote public safety by taking suspected impaired drivers off the road.

“Impaired drivers put others on the road at significant risk,” Motor Officer M. Lozano said. “Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improves traffic safety.”

The National City Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**MEDIA NOTES:** To schedule an interview regarding the National City Police Department Traffic Safety Operations, please contact **Sergeant D. Ballard** at (619) 336-4475 or via email at [dballardo@nationalcityca.gov](mailto:dballardo@nationalcityca.gov)

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