PRESS RELEASE

IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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Officers from the Albany Police Department will be deploying to stop and arrest alcohol and drug-impaired drivers in our ongoing traffic safety campaign. Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Roving Saturation Patrols will deploy on Friday, January 24th, in and around the city of Albany.

In California, this deadly crime led to 802 deaths in 2012 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. DUI can impact the economy in addition to the pain and suffering of those immediately affected. Conservatively, a fatality has a $1.4 million impact, an injury $70,000, and a crash that only damages property averages nearly $9,000.

If you witness impaired driving, call 9-1-1 immediately. The following clues may indicate that a driver is impaired:

• weaving or swerving
• traveling at much slower or much faster speeds
• braking erratically
• remaining at traffic lights once they turn green
• headlights off at night

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

Report Drunk Drivers, Call 9-1-1!

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