

# CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Desert Hot Springs Police Department Holding DUI Checkpoint December 26, 2025**

Desert Hot Springs, December 20, 2025.

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department will conduct a driving under the influence (DUI) checkpoint December 26, from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. at an undisclosed location within the city.

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

"Impaired drivers put others on the road at significant risk," Police Chief Steven Shaw said. "Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improve traffic safety."

The Desert Hot Springs 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.

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