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DUI Checkpoint

Desert Hot Springs, August 2022, DUI Checkpoint

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Desert Hot Springs Police Department Holding DUI Checkpoint August 26, 2022

Desert Hot Springs, Calif. – Desert Hot Springs Police Department will hold a DUI Checkpoint August 26, 2022 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at an undisclosed location within Desert Hot Springs city limits.

Checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired.

During the checkpoint, officers will look for signs that drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department is committed to keeping the traveling public safe.



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

Desert Hot Springs Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or "operating heavy machinery," which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, plan on staying at home.

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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