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The Montclair Police Department Holding DUI Checkpoint March 19th, 2021

Montclair, Calif. – Montclair Police Dept. will hold a DUI Checkpoint March 19, 2021 from Enter time 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at an undisclosed location within the City of Montclair 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.

As the state continues to work to stop the spread of COVID-19, the Montclair Police Dept. is committed to keeping the public safe. "The safety of our community is and always will be our mission," Lt. Ventura said. "We are still out there looking for impaired drivers because driving under the influence is still dangerous."

The Montclair Police Dept. 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 DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

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