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PRESS RELEASE

I. DATE AND TIME OF PRESS RELEASE:

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II. TYPE OF INCIDENT/SITUATION/ANNOUNCEMENT:

Livermore Police Department Targets Impaired Drivers with Checkpoint

III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:

Impaired driving enforcement continues to be an emphasis for the Livermore Police Department. Livermore Police continue to work to improve traffic safety within the City of Livermore by combating impaired driving. Our next efforts will be with a DUI/Driver License checkpoint on Friday, March 20, 2009 in the evening hours.

All too often, members of our community are senselessly injured or killed on local roadways by impaired drivers. This DUI/Driver License checkpoint is an effort to reduce those tragedies, as well as insuring drivers have a valid driver's license. A major component of these checkpoints is to increase awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and to encourage sober designated drivers.

A DUI checkpoint is a proven effective method for achieving this goal. By publicizing these enforcement and education efforts, the Livermore Police Department believes motorists can be deterred from drinking and driving.

Traffic volume and weather permitting, all vehicles may be checked and drivers who are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be arrested. Our objective is to send a clear message to those who are considering driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol and/or drugs – *Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest.* The public is encouraged to help keep roadways safe by calling 9-1-1 if they see a suspected impaired driver.

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

IV. LOCATION OF INCIDENT:

This checkpoint will be conducted at a location which has been identified as having a high occurrence of DUI collisions/arrests.

V. DATE & TIME:
Friday, March 20, 2009 in the evening hours.

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