



Marina Police Department

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DUI Checkpoint Results & Injury Collision

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Marina, CA – The Marina Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI checkpoint on Friday August 26th, on Imjin Parkway between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

Checkpoint Results

- 1130 Vehicles Through Checkpoint
- 314 Vehicles Screened
- 1 DUI Arrest
- 1 Suspended License Citation
- 5 Unlicensed Driver Citations

At 9:57 PM an adult female entered the DUI Checkpoint. When she was contacted by an officer, the officer observed objective symptoms of intoxication. The driver was unable to provide a Driver's License to the officer so she was asked to pull enter the screening area. Without warning the female accelerated out of the checkpoint and continued pass the screening area, eastbound on Imjin Parkway.

Marina Officers made their way to nearby patrol vehicles. Although they attempted to catch up to the fleeing vehicle, they momentarily lost sight of the vehicle. When the first officer arrived at the intersection of Imjin Parkway and Imjin Road, he discovered that the fleeing vehicle had crashed into a traffic light pole, causing the vehicle to split in-half. This impact caused the driver to be ejected from the vehicle. The driver, who suffered major injuries, was transported to a local hospital for treatment. This case is still under investigation.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to "Map a Spot" with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a "List of Spots" to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb – all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.

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