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## **Media Release**

### **Results of July 4th DUI Checkpoint and other Holiday Weekend Statistics**

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, several law enforcement agencies to include the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Sparks Police Department, Washoe County School Police Department and the Nevada Highway Patrol conducted a sobriety checkpoint on State Route 28 near Ponderosa Ranch Road in Incline Village. The checkpoint was funded by grant funding secured by the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety under the "joining forces" annual grant obtained from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The administrative roadblock was operational from 1:15 pm until just after 8:00 pm. A total of 1,911 vehicles were screened resulting in 25 motorists to be directed to a secondary screening area. Of those 25, five were arrested for driving under the influence; four for alcohol and one for drugs.

Several traffic violations were also observed during the roadblock with 48 motorists cited for not wearing a seat belt, 11 citations were issues for child restraint violations, 2 for having a suspended driver's license, 5 for vehicle registration discrepancies, 2 for not having proof of insurance and 13 other misdemeanor citations. Additionally, twenty-two verbal warnings were given.

In addition to the DUI checkpoint statistics, 20 additional arrests were made over the 3-day weekend in the greater Reno-Sparks area. Fourteen were for DUI, four for misdemeanor traffic warrants, one for domestic battery and one additional misdemeanor arrest. As for crash activity this weekend, a total of twenty-two accidents were reported throughout the northern Nevada area. Eleven of those incidents had some type of injury reported while the other eleven were property damage only. The arrest activity for the outlying areas to include Carson City, Fallon, Fernley, Hawthorne and Tonopah was not available this morning.

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