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The Washoe County Sheriff's Office hosted a multi-agency "Joining Forces" DUI checkpoint on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, 2012. This was a multi-agency partnership with the Reno Police Department, Nevada Highway Patrol, Sparks Police Department, Washoe County School Police, University of Nevada Police Department, and the Carson City and Storey County Sheriff's Office.

The "Joining Forces" DUI Enforcement Campaign is made possible by grant funding received from the Nevada Department of Public Safety/Office of Traffic Safety. "Joining Forces" is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement program that promotes statewide enforcement in the areas of: DUI, seat belt, and speed and pedestrian safety. The purpose of this event is to educate the driving public in regards to DUI laws, to enforce the community's no tolerance stance towards impaired driving and to remind people that it's never safe to drive impaired.

The Sheriff's Office uses a nationally recognized data driven approach to reducing crime and increasing public safety in our community. Sheriff's Office data has shown a high incidence of traffic violations, traffic accidents, traffic problems and DUI arrests in this particular area. The Sheriff's Office will continue to be a data-driven law enforcement agency, proactively fighting crime in the region to better serve the citizens in our community.

The following numbers are the activity results from the DUI Checkpoint:

41 law enforcement personnel present from 8 different agencies (Washoe, Carson City, Storey, NHP, Reno PD, Sparks PD, UNRPD and WC School PD)

- 2,699 vehicles pass through the DUI Checkpoint
- 42 field sobriety tests completed
- 5 arrested for DUI
- 1 arrested for a Parole and Probation violation due to a no drinking alcohol clause
- 1 arrested for driving on a revoked driver's license for DUI
- 1 misdemeanor citation for possession of drug paraphernalia
- 17 citations for seat belt violations
- 10 citations for no proof of insurance
- 8 citations for improper child restraints
- 7 citations for expired vehicle registration
- 7 citations for equipment violations
- 4 citations for improper display of registration
- 2 citations for speeding
- 1 citation for driving on a revoked driver's license
- 1 citation for suspended vehicle registration



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