



INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: **Indio Police Holding DUI Enforcement Operations**

Anonymous Information: **Coachella Valley Crime Stoppers 342-STOP (7867)**
"See Something Say Something"

On behalf of Chief Mike Washburn, Police Officers from the Indio Police Department will be out **Saturday, September 21, 2019, 7:00 p.m., to Sunday, September 22, 2019, 12:00 a.m.**, looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

DUI saturation patrols will take place in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests. In 2017, 1,120 people were killed in alcohol-involved crashes on California roads.

In recent years, California has seen an increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. The Indio Police Department reminds drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

The Indio Police Department encourages drivers to follow these tips to avoid a DUI:

- Always use a designated sober driver – a friend who is not drinking, ride-share, cab or public transportation – to get home.
- See someone who is clearly impaired try and drive? Take the keys and help them make other arrangements to find a sober way home.
- Report drunk drivers – Call 911.
- Hosting a party? Offer nonalcoholic drinks. Monitor who is drinking and how they are getting home.

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to be upwards of \$13,500. This includes fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspension and other expenses not to mention possible jail time.

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