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LOS BANOS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Los Banos Police Department Checkpoint
Seeks to Save Lives**

Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. In California last year 1,029 people died in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. That is why Los Banos Police Department announced today they will be holding a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on April 30, 2010 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., in Los Banos.

"Make no mistake. Our message is simple. No matter what you drive...a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle...if we catch you driving impaired, we will arrest you. No exceptions. No excuses. We will be talking to drivers, making sure they are not impaired, arresting those who are, and getting the word out that impaired driving and driving without a proper license is not acceptable in Los Banos."

-Officer Kevin Warkentin

The Los Banos Police Department advises that by following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy a safe and festive evening without jeopardizing their life and the lives of the others who may be on the road.

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and give that person your keys
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, do not hesitate to call 911.

Driving impaired is simply not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a

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crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant. Violators face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses.

Funding for this checkpoint comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Anyone with information regarding a suspicious or criminal incident is strongly encouraged to contact the Los Banos Police Department at **209 827 7070**. To leave an anonymous crime tip call, **209 827 7070 X 288**.

If you have access to a computer and the internet you can also leave an anonymous tip, just go to the Police Departments web page at www.losbanos.org. At the bottom of the "Contact" page simply click on the "report graffiti and other crime" link.