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Police Initiate “Safe Summer, 2010” Campaign

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The Los Banos Police Department officially kicked off its “Safe Summer, 2010” campaign this past 4th of July weekend. The Department started its “Safe Summer” program during the summer months of 2007 and continued it in 2008. Due to staffing issues, and budget shortfalls, the Police Department reluctantly suspended its effort in 2009 however police are excited to re-start the program this year.

“The Department’s pleased to announce the start of our Safe Summer, 2010 operation. We will be working hard to make this summer safe, peaceful and enjoyable for everyone. To reach this goal, the Police Department will be increasing its enforcement efforts significantly. Equally important, I ask that each resident be responsible for not only their actions, but the actions of their children. Parents, you have a tremendous influence on your children’s behavior.”

Gary Brizzee , Chief of Police

The 2010 campaign officially began Friday, July 2nd, when the Police Department conducted its first DUI checkpoint of the summer. During the 6-hour checkpoint police screened 785 vehicles. Although no DUI arrests were made; police issued eight citations, including four citations for operating a motor vehicle with an expired or suspended driver’s license, police also impounded two vehicles.

The Police Department continued operations thorough the holiday weekend with officers working patrols designed to target impaired drivers, which resulted in four DUI arrests.

On the Fourth of July, Police Officers teamed up with the Los Banos Fire Department personnel enforcing illegal fireworks laws. That operation resulted in 27 citations for illegal fireworks violations.

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Throughout the summer the Department will also be targeting additional crimes that involve alcohol, alcohol vendors, graffiti, gangs, street racing, as well as operations designed to reduce thefts. The Safe Summer Campaign will last throughout the summer and conclude towards the end of September.

A portion of this year's "Safe Summer" operation will be paid for through grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, AVOID, and California Alcohol Beverage and Control.

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.