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DUI & Driver's License Checkpoint – March 12, 2026

The Citrus Heights Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at an undisclosed location within the City of Citrus Heights between the hours of 8:00 PM and 2:00 AM.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug-involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

In California, this deadly crime led to 802 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2021 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows nearly 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and checking drivers for proper licensing, which will only delay motorists momentarily. Specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes. Drugs that may impair driving not only include illegal narcotics, but also many prescription drugs, marijuana, and even some over-the-counter medications.

DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. In addition, locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

Drivers who are caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, and other expenses that can exceed $10,000.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Citrus Heights Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. We would like to remind everyone to 'Report a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.