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## OC Sheriff to hold DUI checkpoint in Laguna Hills

**LAGUNA HILLS, Ca. (Apr. 9, 2025):** The Orange County Sheriff's Department (OC Sheriff) will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, Apr. 11, from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. at an undisclosed location in the city of Laguna Hills.

DUI checkpoint locations are determined based on data showing incidents of impaired driving-related crashes. The primary purpose of DUI checkpoints are to promote public safety by taking suspected impaired drivers off the road.

"Impaired drivers put others on the road at significant risk," Sgt. Kyle Ishii said. "Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improve traffic safety."

OC Sheriff reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

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