



**El Centro Police Department
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El Centro Police Department will be holding a DUI Checkpoint 09/15/2024

El Centro, California. – On Sunday, September 15th, 2024 the El Centro Police Department will conduct a driving under the influence (DUI) Checkpoint from 6 p.m. (09/15/24) to 2 a.m. (09/16/24) near the intersection of Imperial Avenue and Holt, in the City of El Centro.

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," Sergeant Adrian Chilpa, said. "Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improves traffic safety."

El Centro Police Department 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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