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## NEWS RELEASE

**Incident Date and Time:** September 3 and September 6, 2021

**Location:** City of Half Moon Bay and City of San Carlos

**Type of Incident:** Sobriety and Driver's License Checkpoint

**Summary:** **Sheriff's Office to Conduct Sobriety/DL Checkpoints in City of Half Moon Bay and San Carlos this Labor Day Weekend**

**Half Moon Bay and San Carlos, Ca:** The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will be conducting two Sobriety/Driver's License Checkpoints this Labor Day Weekend. The checkpoints will be on Friday, September 3, 2021 in the City of San Carlos and September 6, 2021 in the City of Half Moon Bay. Both checkpoints will be held between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

The City of San Carlos checkpoint will be held on the 600-700 blocks of El Camino Real. The Half Moon Bay checkpoint will take place on Highway 1, north of Kelly Avenue. Additional deputies from the Sheriff's Office will also be patrolling throughout the County of San Mateo over Labor Day weekend looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

During the checkpoint screening process, drivers will be asked to provide proof of possession of a valid Driver's License. The purpose of this screening is to help ensure and promote safe driving in the community. Obtaining a Driver's License requires education and testing of basic traffic safety and laws which promotes the safety of all motorists and pedestrians on or near the roadway. Information and guidance is provided through the DMV on obtaining a California DMV Driver's License ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)) and obtaining a [DMV REAL ID](#).

The Sheriff's Office remains committed to keeping the public safe when they are traveling. Checkpoints like this one are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

Whether it is meeting with a small group of friends or holding a virtual get together, the Sheriff's Office encourages the public to celebrate the holiday responsibly by designating a sober driver.

The San Mateo Co. Sheriff's Office also reminds the public that in addition to alcohol, drugs may also impair, including marijuana. Always be sure to check your medications and avoid driving after use if there is a "do not operate heavy machinery," "may cause drowsiness" or other warning label.



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

Drivers are encouraged to arrange for a designated driver or utilize a car service. Whether you are the designated driver, or you choose to alternate the responsibility, having a plan before the drinking starts makes things easier. Alcohol affects mood, judgement and reasoning, so it's best to make the decision before the party starts.

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