

## CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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Chula Vista, Calif. – On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Chula Vista Police Department will conduct a driving under the influence (DUI) Checkpoint from 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM at an undisclosed location within the City of Chula Vista.

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

"Impaired drivers put others on the road at significant risk," Agent Brian Carter said. "Any prevention measures that reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads significantly improves traffic safety."

The Chula Vista 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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