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## SAN FERNANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### DRIVER LICENSE/DUI CHECKPOINT

*Friday, August 21, 2020 – 6:00 pm to Saturday, August 22, 2020 –  
2:00 am*

SAN FERNANDO, CA – The San Fernando Police Department will be conducting a driver license and DUI (driving under the influence) checkpoint at an undisclosed location. Although the pandemic continues to hinder certain social gatherings, San Fernando is still experiencing a problem with DUI drivers as evidenced by the number of recent DUI related traffic collisions and arrests.

DUI checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests. Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment while also checking for proper licensing.

The San Fernando Police Department reminds drivers that, “DUI doesn’t just mean booze.” If a driver takes prescription drugs, particularly those with a warning on the label regarding driving or operating machinery, he/she might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also impair a driver’s ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

In 2018, 1,069 people were killed in alcohol-involved collisions on California roads. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, even a moderate amount of alcohol in the bloodstream can lead to unsafe driving conditions such as impaired judgment, loss of small-muscle control and poor reaction time. ([nhtsa.gov](http://nhtsa.gov))

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The San Fernando Police Department reminds drivers:

- Never drive impaired by alcohol or drugs
- Designate a sober driver any time you plan to consume alcohol
- Use rideshare or public transportation if a sober driver is unavailable
- Report suspected DUI drivers by calling 911

Using a rideshare service is safer and far less expensive than driving impaired! Drivers arrested and charged with DUI can face legal fees, court costs and fines upwards of \$13,500, mandatory DUI awareness classes, suspension of driving privileges, vehicle impoundment, and possible jail time.

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