



# Rialto Police Department

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## Rialto Police Department Holding DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint December 16, 2022

Rialto, Calif. – Rialto Police Department will hold a DUI Driver's License Checkpoint in the south portion of the City of Rialto on December 16, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. As we approach the Holiday Season, the Rialto Police Department encourages the public to be responsible by not driving impaired. Checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests but to promote public safety by deterring drivers from driving impaired.

During the checkpoint, officers will look for signs that indicate drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The Rialto Police Department is committed to keeping the traveling public safe. "The safety of our community and our roadways is and will always be our mission, especially during this holiday season" Chief Mark P. Kling said. "We want to stop impaired drivers and prevent a tragedy. Driving under the influence is dangerous and puts others on the road at risk."

Rialto Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or "operating heavy machinery," which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is ILLEGAL.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and checking drivers for proper licensing, delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication – whether prescription or over-the-counter – drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment effects.

If you plan on drinking or taking medications that may impact your ability to drive safely, stay home. Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended driver's license.

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