



## Vacaville Police Department

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## *Press Release*

**Today's Date:** 09/04/11  
**Date & Time** 09/03/11 from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.  
**Occurred:**  
**Submitted By:** Officer R. Neal  
**Phone:** 707-449-5200  
**Type of** DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint  
**Crime/Incident:**  
**Location:** E/B Mason St. between Depot St./Peabody Rd

### **Narrative:**

On Saturday, September 3, 2011, the Vacaville Police Department Traffic Section conducted a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint. The checkpoint was located on E/B Mason Street between Depot Street and Peabody Road. The checkpoint consisted of eight (8) uniformed officers screening drivers as they traversed through the roadway, and three (3) uniformed motorcycle officers saturating the area of the checkpoint. The officers focused on impaired or unlicensed drivers. The results were 535 vehicles screened, 3-DUI arrests, 8-unlicensed drivers, 1-suspended driver, 2 people were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, seven (7) hazardous citations issued and nine (9) vehicles were towed.

All too often, members of our community are senselessly injured or killed on local roadways by impaired drivers. The DUI/Drivers License checkpoints are an effort to reduce those tragedies, as well as ensuring drivers have a valid driver's license. A major component of these checkpoints is to increase awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and to encourage sober designated drivers.

A DUI checkpoint is a proven effective method for achieving this goal. The Vacaville Police Department believes motorists can be deterred from drinking and driving.

Our objective is to send a clear message to those who are considering driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol and/or drugs. The public is encouraged to help keep roadways safe by calling 911 or 449-5200 if they see a suspected impaired driver.

Funding for this operation was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.