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*Pima County Sheriff's Department  
Sobriety Checkpoint*



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SHERIFF'S DEPT.

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Palo Verde Road n/of Ajo Way  
Pima County, AZ*



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# MEMORANDUM

PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
CLARENCE W. DUPNIK, SHERIFF

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**Date:** August 13, 2012

**To:** Lieutenant L. Sacco, Commander, Special Operations

**From:** Sergeant J. Dowdy, Supervisor, D.U.I. Unit

**Re:** **Approval for Sobriety Checkpoint: August 18, 2012**

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I respectfully request authorization pursuant Pima County Sheriff's Department Sobriety Checkpoint guidelines to conduct a Sobriety Checkpoint as follows:

**Location:** Palo Verde Road n/of Ajo Way

**Date:** August 18, 2012

**Hours of Operation:** 1900 - 0300


**Projected Manpower:** 16 Deputies  
2 Sergeants

This checkpoint will focus on traffic traveling northbound and southbound on Palo Verde Road in the San Xavier District. This location has been identified for DUI enforcement by its propensity and history of alcohol related arrests and collisions. This operation will be staffed by Pima County Sheriff's Department's Special Operations Section and Patrol Division personnel

Pima County Sheriff's Department supervisors will be on site as follows:

Checkpoint Commander: District and Force Commanders notified

Operations Supervisor: Sgt. Dowdy - Northbound  
Sgt. Manoleas - Southbound

Approved  


Lt. L. Sacco, Special Operations Commander

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Date

08/23/12  
19:17

Pima County Sheriff's Department  
Law Total Incident, by Agency, Most serious Offenses

1349  
Page: 1

Offense	Total Incidents
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Agency: Pima Community College Police	
2104 DUI NON ACCIDENT	5
2202 LIQUOR LAWS MINOR IN POSESSION	1
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Total Incidents for This Agency:	6
Agency: Pima County Sheriff's Dept.	
2101 DUI FATAL ACCIDENT	3
2102 DUI PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENT	39
2103 DUI PROPERTY DMG ONLY ACCIDENT	63
2104 DUI NON ACCIDENT	598
2201 LIQUOR LAWS FURNISH TO MINOR	10
2202 LIQUOR LAWS MINOR IN POSESSION	50
2203 LIQUOR LAWS DRINKING IN PUBLIC	71
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Total Incidents for This Agency:	834
Agency: Tucson Airport Authority PD	
2103 DUI PROPERTY DMG ONLY ACCIDENT	64
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Total Incidents for This Agency:	64
Agency: Union Pacific Railroad	
2103 DUI PROPERTY DMG ONLY ACCIDENT	65
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Total Incidents for This Agency:	65
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Total Incidents for This Report:	969

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Report includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 08/18/08` and `00:00:01 08/18/12`  
All agencies  
All natures  
All locations matching `S1`  
All responsible officers  
All dispositions  
All clearance codes  
All observed offenses  
All reported offenses  
All offense codes between `2101` and `2204`  
All circumstance codes  
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PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sobriety Checkpoint Statistical Form

CASE NUMBER: 120818001

Date and time of operation: Saturday, August 18, 2012 1900-0300

Location of Checkpoint: Palo Verde Road n/of Ajo Way

Start Time 2000 End Time 2350 Number of Deputies 17

Number of Supervisors 3

Vehicles Stopped 2336

DUI Investigations 10

Number of DUI arrests 6

Other arrests (specify) 3

Estimated waiting period (high and low) N/A / N/A

Estimated contact time 30 SEC.

**COMPLETE ONLY IF ALTERNATE SYSTEMATIC VEHICLE SCREENING METHOD IS USED**

1. Start time \_\_\_\_\_ End time \_\_\_\_\_  
Method used \_\_\_\_\_
2. Start time \_\_\_\_\_ End time \_\_\_\_\_  
Method used \_\_\_\_\_
3. Start time \_\_\_\_\_ End time \_\_\_\_\_  
Method used \_\_\_\_\_



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# MEMORANDUM

## PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

CLARENCE W. DUPNIK, SHERIFF

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**Date:** August 13, 2012

**To:** Concerned Personnel

**From:** Sgt. Jason Dowdy, D.U.I. Unit Supervisor

**Re: Checkpoint Operation: 120818001**

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Congratulations on your selection to participate in the upcoming Pima County Sheriff's Department Sobriety Checkpoint. Thank you for your assistance in our ongoing efforts to reduce impaired driving on Pima County roadways.

Personnel selected to work this operation were handpicked based on their expertise in the area of traffic investigations, their professionalism, and their commitment to the reduction of carnage caused by impaired motorists on Pima County roadways.

**Briefing information is as follows:**

**Location:** 1750 E. Benson Highway (PC103)

**Date:** August 18, 2012

**Time:** 1900 Hours

Please bring your patrol car, reflective vest, flashlight, necessary paperwork, and equipment with you. Adequate parking will be located in the vicinity of the checkpoint. Uniform attire will be class "B," long or short sleeve shirt. Please be prepared for inclement weather.

I have previously provided you with a copy of the Pima County Sheriff's Department Sobriety Checkpoint Guidelines. Please be familiar with these policies and contact me should you have questions or require another copy. The success of these operations, both legally and operationally, is based on our adherence to these guidelines. Many of these procedures will be reviewed again at the checkpoint briefing, but your knowledge of these procedures is critical to the success of the operation.

**Checkpoint Schedule:**

1900 hours	Briefing
1930 hours	Travel to site
2000 hours	Site setup commences (All Deputies)
2015 hours	Checkpoint commences
2345 hours	Completion and teardown/saturation patrol

## **Sobriety Checkpoint Assignments**

**120818001**

**Location: Palo Verde n/of Ajo Way**

**Checkpoint Commander:** District and Force Commander notified

**Administrative Deputy:** Deputy Harris

**Phlebotomist Deputy:** Deputy Nunez (back up line)

**Sign Placement:** Deputies Carlson, LaFontain, Robertson and Roher

**Cones:** Deputies Bernstein, Nunez and Senne

**Checkpoint Set-up:** Deputies Curtin and Doran

**Northbound:** Sgt. Dowdy

### **Contact**

- Deputy Senne
- Deputy Carlson
- Deputy Bernstein
- Deputy Alcantara
- Deputy Castillo
- Deputy Hill (K-9)

### **Chase**

- Deputy Quaintance
- Sgt. Murphy

**Southbound:** Sgt. Manoleas

### **Contact**

- Deputy Murray
- Deputy Curtin
- Deputy Roher
- Deputy Doran
- Deputy Dixon
- Deputy Phaneuf

### **Chase**

- Deputy LaFontain
- Deputy Robertson

\*Personnel without a specific assignment will conduct saturation patrol.

**Jason C. Dowdy**

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**From:** Thomas Peine  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2012 1:27 PM  
**To:** (qmehr@azdps.gov); Ajo Copper News; Arizona Daily Star; Arizona Daily Star; Arizona Daily Star; Arizona Daily Star; Arizona Daily Star; Arizona Public Media; Associated Press; AZ News; AZEIN (azein@azdema.gov); Ben Lawson (KOLD); Blake, Mindy; Box.net; Clara Colmenero; Clear Channel; Clear Channel's Total Traffic; Communications; David Schwartz; Derek Jordan; Desert Leaf; Echavarri, Fernanda (NPR); Elisabeth Lahrman; Estrella T.V./Los Angeles; Explorer Newspaper; Family Life Communications, Inc.; Family Life Radio; Foothills News; Fox10; George Tanner (Gtanner1234@cox.net); Green Valley News; Green Valley News; Green Valley News; Ina Ronquillo; Inside Tucson Business ; Jeanette Baker (info@bgwmedia.com); Jeff Inorio South Tucson PD; John Teachout; Juan Alvarez (alvarez@uapd.arizona.edu); Kellie Mejdrih; KFYI News; KGUN 9 News; Kim Matas; Kim Smith (Arizona Daily Star); KOLD - Channel 13; KOLD Web (Datasphere@kold.com); KPNX 12 News; KVOA - Channel 4; Lucretia Free; Marisa Gerber; Matt Mendes; Metro Source News; Michael Edgecomb; National Public Radio; News Talk 92.3 KTAR FM; Nicole L. Feldt; Nogales International Newspaper; Northwest Fire; Northwest Fire; Oracle Newspaper; Paul Birmingham; Paul Birmingham; Paula Diaz; Phil Franchine; Reuters America; Robert Rappaport; rosie.ledesma@pcao.pima.gov; Ryan Foran (KOLD); Sam Almodova (salmodova@ci.sahuarita.az.us); Susie Dupnik (susie.dupnik@pcao.pima.gov); Telemundo; Telemundo; Teresa L. Wilson; Thelma Grimes; Tim Brunenkant (tbrunenkant@marana.com); Total Traffic Network; TPD; TPD; Tracy Grady; Tucson Citizen; Tucson Sentinel; Tucson Sentinel; Univision; Univision; Univision ; UofA TV; Vail News  
**Subject:** Summer Sobriety Checkpoint on 08/18/12  
**Attachments:** 081612- Summer Sobriety Checkpoint.pdf



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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Summer Sobriety Checkpoint on Saturday, August 18, 2012 August 16, 2012**

If you drink and drive in Pima County, beware, the Pima County Sheriff's Department is joining with law enforcement throughout the nation for the **"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"** campaign by conducting a sobriety checkpoint and saturation patrols this coming **Saturday, August 18, 2012**. This is a continued effort to reduce impaired driving, especially during the summer months in conjunction with the return to school.

Deputies will be aggressively looking for impaired drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone caught driving impaired. "We want to remind everyone that it is illegal to drive impaired, and we hope the campaign will remind people that if they plan on drinking, to never get behind the wheel," said Sergeant Jason Dowdy, supervisor for the Sheriff's DUI Unit.

A few additional facts:

- Impaired driving is often a symptom of a larger problem: alcohol misuse and abuse.
- Alcohol-impaired motor vehicle crashes cost more than an estimated \$37 billion annually.
- In 2010, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes - one every 51 minutes.

The national organization, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), states on their website that Americans take 233 billion trips in cars each year. Of those, about one out of every two thousand trips are taken by those who are driving under the influence of alcohol. Yet, almost one out of every three traffic deaths involve drunk driving.

So a proportionally tiny amount of bad behavior is one of the major causes of death and injury on our roadways.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department is asking all motorists to be responsible citizens. If you are impaired, stay away from operating a vehicle!



# Pima County Sheriff's Department

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This media release along with additional information including available photos, videos, etc. can be seen on our website and Facebook page at [pimasheriff.org](http://pimasheriff.org).

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## Jason C. Dowdy

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**Subject:** Sobriety Checkpoint 08/18

### **For media purposes only – NOT for public release!**

The sobriety checkpoint on 08/18 will be active from approximately 1930 hours to 2345 hours on Palo Verde Road (north of Ajo Way).

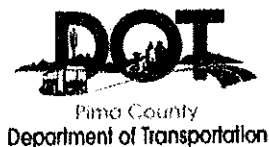
If you have any questions, please call the PIO cell phone at 237-3740.

Best regards,  
Tom Peine



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# MEMORANDUM

Department of Transportation

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**DATE:** 9/2/05

**TO:** Karl Woolridge, Sergeant, Pima County Sheriff's Dept.

**FROM:** Albert Letzkus, Traffic Engineering Division Manager, PCDOT 

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Signing Plans for DWI Checkpoints

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Enclosed with this memo are proposed signing plans for DWI checkpoints on County roads. They include plans for two-lane roads and for divided multi-lane roads. As I understand it, the signs for these checkpoints have been made by TED and delivered to you. Let me know when and where you will need the traffic cones, and I will coordinate their delivery to you with the Ops division.

If you have any questions about the proposed plans, feel free to call me at work at 740-5929, or on my cell phone at 850-3982.

Thank you.

Enclosures

cc: Tracy Shaw  
Kurt Brei  
Dave Cummings

# SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT CONCEPT DRAWING

## 4-LANE DIVIDED

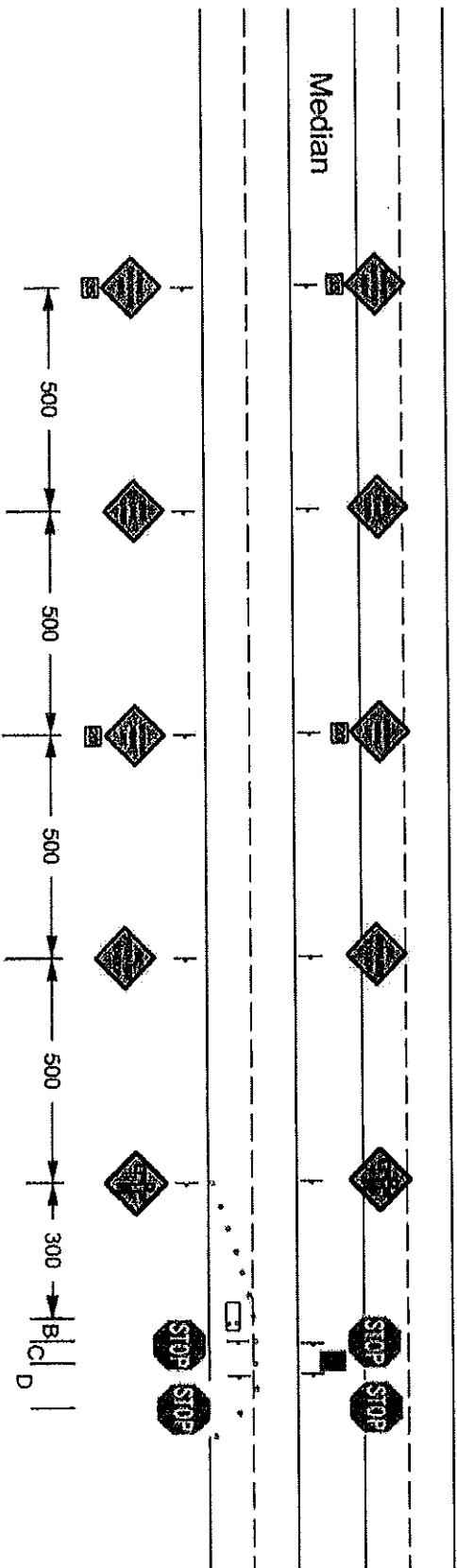
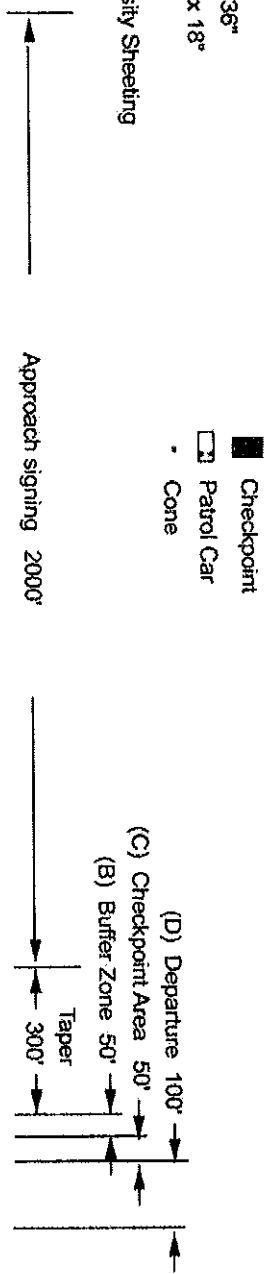
45 MPH Posted Speed Limit

NOTE: Opposite direction of travel will mirror typical layout

Typical sign spacing	500'
Approach taper	300'
Cone spacing	50'
Departure taper	100'

Primary Signs 36" x 36"  
 Advisory Plaques 18" x 18"

All Signs/Plaques in Hi-Intensity Sheeting



## Sobriety Checkpoint Administrative Deputy Checklist

- Call Number
- Distribute/ Collect/ Turn in checklists under the case number
- Statistic sheet
- Supplies
  - 20 Blood kits
  - 6 PBT's
  - Mouthpieces
  - 2 Tables
  - Masking tape
  - Forms
  - Questionnaires
- Signing
  - Four Lane Road- Large Trailer
    - 8 stop signs
    - 4 Sobriety Checkpoint Ahead/ 35 MPH signs
    - 4 Left Lane Closed signs
    - 4 Lane Ends Merge Right signs
    - 4 Be Prepared to Stop signs
    - 4 Flagman Signs
  - Two Lane Road- Small trailer
    - 6 stop signs
    - 2 Sobriety Checkpoint Ahead/ 35 MPH signs
    - 2 Lane Closed Ahead/ 20 MPH signs
    - 2 Be Prepared to Stop signs
    - 2 Flagman Signs
- Force Commander Summary
  - Number of vehicles stopped
  - Number of DUI arrests
  - FST's Administered
  - Other Violations
- Case report
  - Number of vehicles stopped
  - Number of DUI arrests
  - FST's Administered
  - Other Violations

## Sobriety Checkpoint Supervisor Checklist

- Select and scout location
- Site measurements for signing
- Operations Plan
- Positioning/ Scheduling/ Manpower documents
- Notice memorandums to participating personnel
- Communications
  - Dispatcher if needed
- Approval from Special Ops Commander
  - Approval memorandum
  - Ops plan
  - Site diagram
  - Signing plan
  - Briefing documents
  - Sobriety Checkpoint guidelines
  - Procedures checklist
  - **Note:** *The above documents are to be submitted to Records under the master case number.*
- Notify PIO
  - Press release
- Arrange SAV's
  - Command Center
  - Command Post Bravo
  - Command Post Victor
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Supplies:
  - Questionnaires
  - Procedures checklist
  - PBT's
  - Signing
  - Cones

# Pima County Sheriff's Department Sobriety Checkpoint Guidelines

## I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the physical construction and operation of a sobriety checkpoint. The goal of the checkpoint will be maximizing its deterrent effect by increasing the perceived risk of apprehension of motorists who would operate a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

## II Policy

- A. It shall be the policy of the Pima County Sheriff's Department to implement a sobriety checkpoint program. The sobriety checkpoint program will be used as a part of the Pima County Sheriff's Department's ongoing comprehensive traffic enforcement efforts. To standardize this program, the following set of written guidelines has been developed governing the operation of sobriety checkpoints within the Pima County Sheriff's Department's jurisdiction.
- B. To implement this policy, the Special Operations Commander will ensure that the Traffic Unit or DUI Unit Supervisor complies with the following restrictions:
1. Satisfy the legal requirements for sobriety checkpoints.
  2. Conduct sobriety checkpoints with a minimum amount of intrusion or inconvenience to the motoring public.
  3. Assure the safety of the general public and of the participating law enforcement officers.
  4. Objectively select a sobriety checkpoint site based on relevant data.
  5. Provide for public information and education to maximize the deterrent effect and heighten awareness of the impaired driver problem.
  6. Provide for a systematic procedure for both data collection and post checkpoint reporting to insure consistency with checkpoint guidelines.
  7. Select participating law enforcement officers based on relevant training, skills, and experience.
  8. Brief participating deputies on operational guidelines prior to the

beginning of these checkpoints.

## II Guidelines

### A. General

1. Sobriety checkpoints will not be conducted without the approval of the Special Operations Commander or his designee.
2. A statistical summary and justification for establishing a sobriety checkpoint shall be presented to the Special Operations Commander for review and approval.
3. The selection of the date, time, and location of the sobriety checkpoint will be made by the Traffic or DUI Supervisor.
4. The Traffic or DUI Supervisor shall give no less than one day notice to the Press Information Officer Supervisor for dissemination to the general public. This announcement will not specify the location of the checkpoint but rather the Pima County Sheriff's Department's use of sobriety checkpoints for impaired driver deterrence.
5. The Traffic or DUI Supervisor shall conduct a briefing for all personnel assigned to operate the sobriety checkpoint. The Traffic or DUI Supervisor shall provide such personnel with required guidelines and procedures as well as answer questions concerning the operation.

### B. Physical Construction of Sobriety Checkpoints

1. All sobriety checkpoints established by the Pima County Sheriff's Department shall strive for consistency with accepted procedures regarding the use of warning signs, barricades, traffic cones, warning lights, and other safety equipment and/ or warning devices that may be required.
2. Checkpoints will be categorized as follows:
  - A. **Large scale checkpoints** will be used on high volume, arterial type roadways and thoroughfares. These checkpoints will require a site plan with approval from the Pima County Department of Transportation as to the physical location and layout of the operation



- B. **Small scale checkpoints** will be used on smaller, rural type roadways. These operations will typically be manned by fewer personnel and constructed by Pima County Sheriff's Department personnel. The intent of these checkpoints is to be rapidly deployed and capable of tear down and relocation on short notice. These small scale checkpoints will generally be supported by a saturation type DUI patrol in the surrounding area.
  
  - C. **Phantom checkpoints** will be used on either arterial roadways or on lower volume traffic ways. The intent of these set ups is to give the motorists the impression that a checkpoint is either being prepared or was just completed. The appropriate signing and an emergency vehicle will be deployed but the checkpoint will not actually stop vehicles. Generally, a saturation patrol will be deployed in the vicinity of these checkpoints.
- 3. For the safety of law enforcement officers and the motoring public, vehicles will be, where possible, directed by means of warning signs, lights, traffic cones, or other safety equipment into a single traffic lane.
  
  - 4. All vehicles shall be required to stop at the checkpoint except as outlined in this procedure. Portable stop signs in addition to the directions of a uniformed law enforcement officer shall be utilized for this purpose.
    - A. At large scale checkpoints, a staggered stop of all vehicles shall be employed. All vehicles shall be motioned to a stop approximately 30 to 50 feet from the contact law enforcement officer. As the contact law enforcement officer concludes speaking with the operator of a vehicle, the next vehicle waiting shall be signaled to pull forward and then stop in the immediate vicinity of the contact law enforcement officer.
  
    - B. At small scale checkpoints, operators will be directed to stop by the law enforcement officer making contact with each vehicle.
  
  - 5. Adequate off street parking for follow up investigation (field sobriety testing and screening) shall be available in the immediate vicinity of the sobriety checkpoint.
  
  - 6. The Traffic or DUI Supervisor shall obtain permission from the owner

or agent of any private property or parking area used for this police purpose.

**C. Operator Contact at Sobriety Checkpoints**

1. All contact law enforcement officers shall be uniformed so as to assure the public that the sobriety checkpoint is a legitimate governmental operation.
2. All contact law enforcement officers shall wear a reflective traffic safety vest.
3. Only those law enforcement officers with DUI training shall participate as contact law enforcement officers at sobriety checkpoints.
4. The contact law enforcement officer shall utilize a statement/ question similar to the following upon contact with the driver of a stopped vehicle:

***A Good evening. This is a sobriety checkpoint aimed at deterring impaired driving. Have you consumed any alcohol or drugs today?@***

If the driver's answer is no and there is no other compelling reason to detain the vehicle, the contact law enforcement officer shall permit the vehicle to proceed.

5. During the conversation with the driver, the contact law enforcement officer will establish if reasonable suspicion exists to warrant further investigation.
6. The contact law enforcement officer shall pay particular attention to any symptoms or indicators of impairment to include but not limited to
  - A. Ability to follow directions as to the physical layout of the checkpoint as well as those given by checkpoint personnel.
  - B. The driver's speech, coordination, appearance, eyes, and any odor of intoxicants or other contraband.

- C. An odor of intoxicants warrants asking the driver if he or she has been drinking.
  - D. Irrational or erratic behavior consistent with an impaired subject.
7. Contact law enforcement officers shall utilize a flashlight or other form of artificial light to illuminate the driver, occupants, and interior of all vehicles for the purpose of their safety as well as to check the condition of the driver and monitor the actions of the occupants in the vehicle. If during this initial contact the deputy establishes a reasonable suspicion for further investigation, the operator will be escorted to an adjacent area for further screening.
  8. If such reasonable suspicion does not exist, the driver will be allowed to proceed.

**D. Impaired Driver Screening**

1. Suspected impaired drivers shall be processed in accordance with Pima County Sheriff's Department procedures related to DUI investigations. Law enforcement Officers participating in the operation shall administer such tests as practical and in accordance with their training in DUI investigation.
2. The law enforcement officer making initial contact with the operator shall remain with that driver throughout the remainder of the investigation.
3. If an operator displays impairment inconsistent with their blood alcohol level, a Drug Recognition Expert should be used to evaluate the operator.
4. If the law enforcement officer determines through the screening process that there is not probable cause to make an arrest, the operator shall be released.

## **E. Supervisor Responsibilities**

1. A supervisor shall be present at the checkpoint at all times.
2. If the on scene supervisor at the checkpoint determines that a hazard is being created by the backup of stopped vehicles, he may suspend the checkpoint for a period of time in order to relieve the traffic congestion.
3. If there are an insufficient number of law enforcement officers to properly conduct the checkpoint at any given time, the on scene supervisor may suspend the checkpoint until such time as staffing becomes available.
4. Documentation shall be maintained regarding the length of time the checkpoint was suspended and the reason for the suspension.
5. The supervisor shall ensure that the following statistics are maintained:
  - A. Number of vehicles passing through the checkpoint
  - B. The number of operators field tested
  - C. The number of operators arrested
  - D. The charges brought against each arrested driver
6. A telephone shall be made available to facilitate the release of arrestees to responsible parties or to obtain alternate transportation.
7. Transportation shall be available to handle any arrestees who cannot be field released.
8. The Traffic or DUI Supervisor shall insure that a detailed report is completed with the statistical data from each checkpoint.
9. The Traffic or DUI Supervisor shall insure that an Incident Resume is completed documenting the DUI checkpoint and its results.




**F. Avoidance of Checkpoint**

1. Vehicles that make a U-turn or otherwise maneuver to avoid the checkpoint may be followed by an observation car. The law enforcement officer may make a stop if he has reasonable suspicion. If no reasonable suspicion exists, the observation car will return to the checkpoint without stopping the vehicle.
2. Drivers who refuse to roll down their windows in order to avoid contact with a law enforcement officer will be waived through and may be followed by an observation car. (The same procedure as in paragraph 1 will apply.)
3. Vehicles that refuse to stop within the checkpoint area may be stopped and cited for the appropriate violation(s). Such drivers shall also be examined for signs and symptoms of impairment.
4. Drivers who refuse to participate or cooperate for any reason shall not be detained solely for that reason. (The procedures outlined in paragraph 2 shall be followed.)

revised

May 19, 2006  
Sgt. D. Theel #860

## Pima County Sheriff's Department

**Sobriety Checkpoint**  
 August 18, 2012  
 Palo Verde Road n/of Ajo Way  
 120818001

Cost Center:  
 • List hours ( ex 1900-0300)

## PCSD Fatal Statistics

2004


- 31 collisions, 34 dead
- 18 dead in alcohol/drug related crashes

2005

- 41 collisions, 48 dead including a Deputy Sheriff
- 21 dead in alcohol/drug related crashes

2006

- 42 collisions, 50 dead including two drunk mothers crashing and killing a child.



## PCSD Fatal Statistics

2007

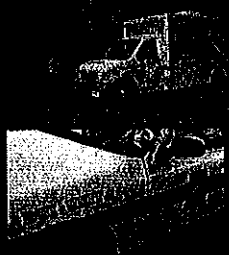
- 31 collisions, 35 dead
- 11 Alcohol related
- 27% decrease from previous year (2006)

2008

- 39 collisions, 30 dead
- 18 alcohol and/or Drug related
- 9 prosecutable

2009

- 31 fatal collisions
- 11 involved alcohol and/or drugs



## PCSD Fatal Statistics

2010



- 18 fatal collisions
- 14 involved alcohol and/or drugs
- Fatalities down 42% from previous year (31 in 2009)
- Percentage involving alcohol and/or drugs increased.

2011

- 17 fatal collisions, lowest since 1999
- 14 collisions involved alcohol and/or drugs present in the driver, victim, or both, (82%)


2012

- 27 fatal collisions to date.
- Toxicology reports pending but many are suspected to involve alcohol and/or drugs.


## Sobriety Checkpoints

- Why? - Impaired drivers can be on the road 772 times before being caught (NHTSA)
- Nationally - alcohol related traffic fatalities fell from 60+% in 1982 to 40% in 1997
- These fatalities have reached a plateau and have remained 40 - 41% from 1997-2004



## Checkpoint Effectiveness

- Highly publicized California Saturation Patrols reduced alcohol related crashes 17%
- California Sobriety Checkpoints in four communities reduced alcohol related crashes by 28%



**DUI checkpoints work: deaths, citations down**  
 saturation patrols not enough, officers say


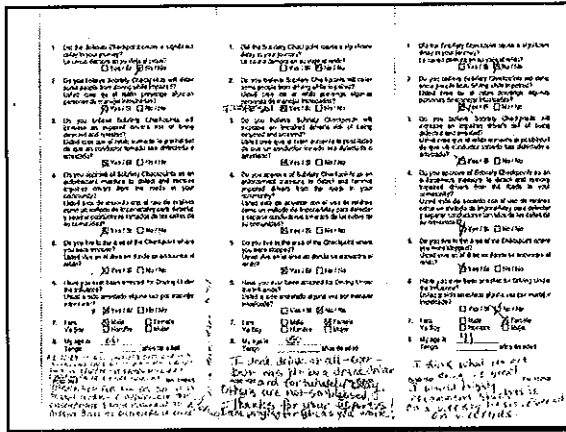


## Results through 5/31/2012

- Do you live in the area of the Checkpoint where you were stopped?
  - Yes: 57%
  - No: 43%
- Have you ever been arrested for Driving While Intoxicated?
  - Yes: 5%
  - No: 95%


## Results through 5/31/2012

- I am male/ female.
  - Male: 49%
  - Female: 51%
- My age is \_\_\_\_\_
  - Average: 49


## Concerns

- Traffic Jams and Delays- the goal of the checkpoint is to be no more intrusive than a traffic signal (about 2.5 minutes).
- Average has been less than 30 seconds.
- Fair, Firm application of DUI laws while deterring impaired driving and promoting safety on Pima County Roadways.



## Checkpoint Location

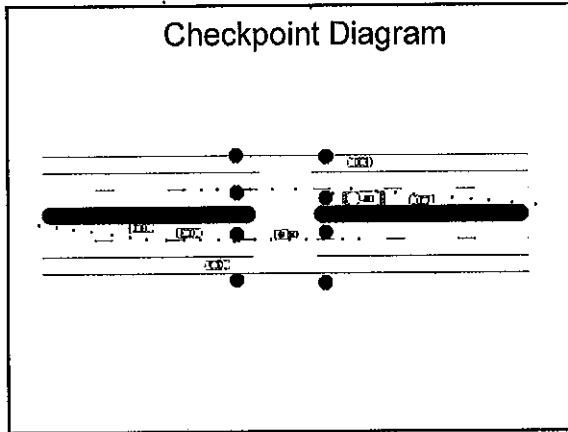
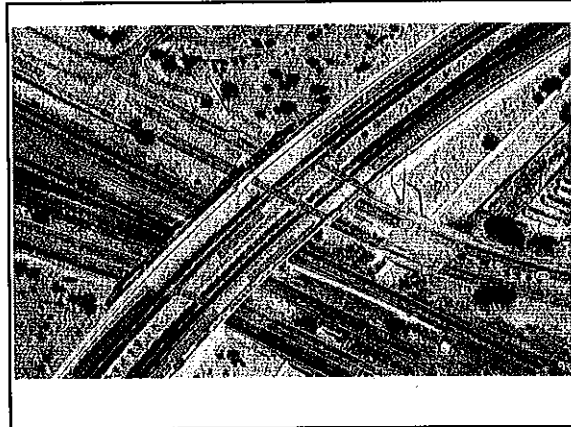
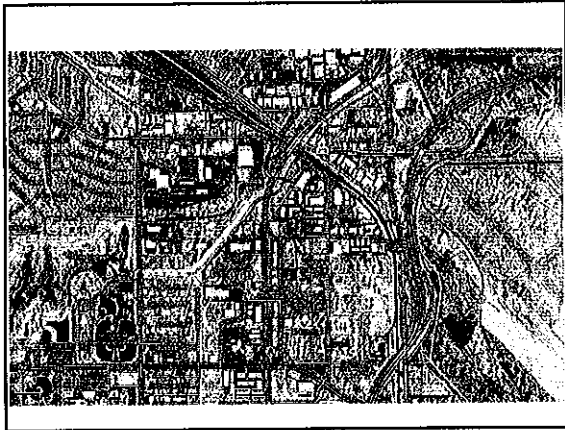
- Palo Verde Road n/of Ajo Way (Veteran's Memorial Overpass)
- Since 2008, in San Xavier District beat 1 there have been more than:
  - 3 DUI fatal collisions, 39 injury DUI wrecks, 62 Property DUI wrecks
  - 605 DUI's
  - 215 Liquor Law violations



## Checkpoint Timeline

- 1900 hours Briefing
- 1930 hours Travel to Site
- 2000 hours Site setup
- 2015 hours Checkpoint Commences
- 2345 hours Teardown





### Logistics

- Parking - In approach areas, staggered, rear deck lights only
- SFST area: In median contact area. Cars will be pulled in coned off departure area
- Restrooms: Command Center

### Assignments

- Operational Commander:
  - District and Force Commander notified
- Admin Sergeant:
  - Sergeant Dowdy
- Phlebotomist:
  - Nunez
- Admin. Support:
  - Deputy Harris

### Point Control

- SAV/AZ Rangers
- Command Posts
- Lane closures and channeling: All Deputies/Officers
- Fully marked PCSD Patrol Vehicles

### Sign Placement & Pickup:

- PCSD DUI Van: Deputy Carlson & Harris
- Phlebotomist: Nunez
- Sign Placement: Deputies Carlson, LaFontain, Robertson and Roher
- Checkpoint set up: Curtin and Doran
- Cones: Bernstein, Nunez and Senne

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Palo Verde Road n/of Ajo way

- Northbound: Sgt. Dowdy
- Southbound: Sgt. Manoleas
- Contact
  - Deputy Senne
  - Deputy Carlson
  - Deputy Bernstein
  - Deputy Alcantara
  - Deputy Castillo
  - Deputy Hill
- Contact
  - Deputy Murray
  - Deputy Curtin
  - Deputy Roher
  - Deputy Doran
  - Deputy Dixon
  - Deputy Phaneuf
- Chase
  - Deputy Quaintance
  - Sgt. Murphy
- Chase
  - Deputy LaFontain
  - Deputy Robertson

- Safety is the most important aspect of the operation



- Reflective Vests must be worn at all times when in or near the roadway!

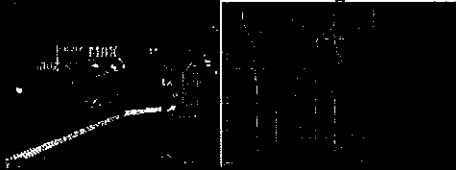


- South 1 unless told otherwise
- Frequency will be manned by PCSD dispatcher
- Use proper radio 10 code and supplement code.

### **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING**

- The purpose of these checkpoints is to aid the Pima County Sheriff's Department in detecting and deterring impaired drivers while causing minimal inconvenience and detention to the motoring public. The real value of its ability to deter the impaired driver is a checkpoint where no impaired drivers are detected.

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING



- The location chosen for the checkpoint was based in part from statistical data involving DUI incidents in the surrounding area.
- The above Pin Map shows a history of DUI incidents in the area of the Checkpoint location

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING

Supervisors assigned to the Sobriety Checkpoint operation will supervise the on-scene enforcement activities. The Supervisor will remain at the location for the duration of the operation.



## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING



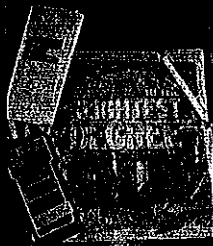
- Traffic control devices and personnel will be placed in conformance with the site map approved by Pima County Department of Transportation or Pima County Sheriff Department Sobriety checkpoint guidelines.

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING



- Instruct the Deputies to explain the purpose of the checkpoint upon approaching a vehicle. Each motorist should be advised that he/she has been stopped at a sobriety checkpoint established to identify impaired drivers.

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING



- A Sobriety Checkpoint pamphlet should be given to each motorist during the stop.

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING

- The following question/statement shall be made upon approaching a vehicle:
- "Good afternoon/evening, this is a Sobriety Checkpoint aimed at deterring impaired driving. Have you consumed any alcohol and/or drugs today?"

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING



- If the answer is no and there is no compelling reason to detain the vehicle, hand the driver a pamphlet and state, "This brochure explains the Sobriety Checkpoint program. Please look it over at your leisure."

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING

- If the answer is yes, ask how much and when. At this point, depending on the answers and other circumstances, the attending Deputy should consider if further investigation is warranted. If so, direct the driver to the nearby staging area to continue the investigation. If not, give the driver a brochure and advise them they are free to go.



## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING

- If the driver is evaluated and is not impaired, provide a pamphlet and escort the driver to their vehicle and help them pull into traffic, if necessary.

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING

- Contact Deputies shall visually inspect the driver for red, watery bloodshot eyes; abnormal complexion, vomit, urine or excrement on clothing; or other telltale signs of possible intoxication/impairment familiar to the Deputy. Inspection of the passengers, interior and exterior of the vehicle will also be made. Deputies should observe the driver's breath and look for plain view narcotics, narcotic paraphernalia, and alcoholic beverage containers

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING



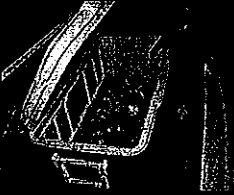
- The use of artificial light for the inspection of the vehicle's interior and its occupants is legally permissible.

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING



- Unless the Deputy observes evidence of impairment, or there is evidence of a more serious violation, the motorist should be allowed to proceed on their way.

## **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING**



- A search of the vehicle should be conducted to inventory prior to being towed.

## **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING**



- A motorist who chooses to avoid the checkpoint should be allowed to proceed unless traffic violations are observed or probable cause exists to take other action. The mere act of avoiding a checkpoint will not constitute grounds for a stop.

## **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING**

- Drivers who refuse to roll down their windows in order to avoid contact with a law enforcement officer will be waived through and may be followed by an observation car unless reasonable suspicion/ probable cause exists to further the investigation.

## **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING**

- A systematic approach to stopping vehicles will be established. Either all vehicles will be stopped or a method will be utilized that does not involve random stops at the Deputy's discretion. It will be the on-scene supervisor's responsibility to make a change in the systematic sequence of vehicles stopped if the traffic pattern necessitates a change.

## **SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BRIEFING**

- An Incident Report will be completed for each Sobriety Checkpoint deployment, including the number of vehicles stopped, number of DUI arrests made, as well as any other violations, which are observed and charged. (Sgt. Dowdy)
- Sgt. Dowdy will complete Force Commander Summary
- Media has been notified
- Public notification via twitter, Facebook and PCSD Website



## **Contact Officer Duties**

- Make contact with vehicle operators
- Initiate investigations
- Follow through and complete investigation

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## Administrative Tasks

### ➤ Equipment and Logistics:

- Removal of car (SAV)
- FST's
- PBT's
- DRE
- Spanish Speaker
- Camera (All Deputies)

Become contact officer when one is engaged in an investigation

## Chase

- Observe vehicles entering traffic pattern
- Watch for turnarounds and stop should you find reasonable suspicion.
- Watch for drivers and passengers to swap
- Watch for littering
- Stop vehicles when advised by checkpoint personnel

## Saturation Patrol

### ➤ Zero Tolerance

- Initiate as many contacts as possible
- Use appropriate discretion in enforcement action
- Provide pamphlet to those not receiving a citation
- Work all of the surrounding area
- Compliance checks of liquor serving establishments if possible.

## Statistics

- At the end of the operational period, report number of FST's administered, DUI arrests and other arrests.
- Chase vehicles list traffic stops, citations (haz & non haz), FST's, DUI arrests and other arrests.
- List case numbers obtained.
- Provide information to Sgt. Dowdy or designee.