

Cops to beef-up enforcement over Memorial Day weekend

The Avoid the 6 DUI Campaign will be deploying officers this holiday weekend at DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints and DUI Saturation Patrols throughout El Dorado County to arrest impaired drivers who still don't get the message.

The Memorial Day weekend is witness to the kick off of summertime recreation and holiday travel, along with many college and high school graduations seeing thousands celebrate their accomplishments. The next 100 days will also see a rise in deaths and injuries as far too many individuals get behind the wheel impaired.

The enforcement campaign begins Friday night with DUI/Driver's License checkpoint in Placerville with special DUI Saturation Patrols deploying in South Lake Tahoe.

More local DUI Saturation Patrols will be out on Saturday and Sunday nights in Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. The California Highway Patrol is deploying all available officers Memorial Day weekend onto freeways and county roads in their jurisdiction.

Law enforcement regionwide is asking for support this holiday weekend and all summer:

- Be responsible when hosting a party; don't allow friends and family to drink to excess
- Always promote a designated sober driver
- Report drunken drivers, call 911

Funding for the Avoid Campaign is through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.