

5 arrests at Incline DUI checkpoint; 'uneventful' night in S. Tahoe

Five people were arrested on driving under the influence charges during the July 4 checkpoint in Incline Village, with South Tahoe officers making a DUI arrest as well that night.

On Monday from 1:15-8pm several law enforcement agencies, including the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Sparks Police Department, Washoe County School Police Department and the Nevada Highway Patrol, conducted a sobriety checkpoint on Highway 28 near Ponderosa Ranch Road in Incline Village.

A total of 1,911 vehicles were screened, resulting in 25 motorists directed to a secondary screening area. Of those 25, five were arrested for driving under the influence; four for alcohol and one for drugs.

Several traffic violations were also observed during the roadblock, with 48 motorists cited for not wearing a seat belt, 11 citations issued for child restraint violations, two for having a suspended driver's license, five for vehicle registration discrepancies, two for not having proof of insurance and 13 other misdemeanor citations. Additionally, 22 verbal warnings were given.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In addition to the DUI checkpoint statistics, 20 additional arrests were made over the three-day weekend in the greater Reno-Sparks area. Fourteen were for DUI, four for misdemeanor traffic warrants, one for domestic battery and one additional misdemeanor arrest.

Twenty-two accidents were reported throughout the Northern Nevada area. Eleven of those incidents had some type of injury reported while the other eleven were property damage only.

Sgt. Shannon Laney with the South Lake Tahoe police described the Fourth as “largely an uneventful night.”

Brandi Orr, 35, of South Lake Tahoe was taken into custody on DUI charges near Harrison Avenue in the city limits. Officers said there had been reports she was threatening people with a screwdriver at Tahoe Bowl.

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