DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Commanding Officers

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: VEHICLE IMPOUNDS AT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CHECKPOINTS

The purpose of the driving under the influence (DUI) checkpoints conducted by the Department is to detect and apprehend community members who are driving impaired. The DUI checkpoints are an effective public safety tool that saves lives.

During DUI checkpoints, officers may encounter community members who are unlicensed to drive. When these situations arise, officers shall make a reasonable attempt to identify the registered owner of the vehicle. If the registered owner is present or is able to respond to the scene, within a reasonable amount of time, the vehicle shall be released to the registered owner, if he or she is a licensed driver. If the registered owner is unlicensed, he or she may authorize the vehicle to be released to a licensed driver. The name and driver license number of the licensed driver shall be listed on the Traffic Notice to Appear, Form 4.50.0, issued to the unlicensed driver. When the vehicle cannot be released, the vehicle shall be impounded with a hold for Area Auto Detectives.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-0690.

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