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## OPERATION FULL THROTTLE SHIFTS INTO HIGH GEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

### A Highly Concentrated Enforcement Effort Aimed at Reducing DUIs and Underage Drinking During this Holiday Season.

**WHAT:** *Operation Full Throttle* is the biggest countywide law enforcement effort in history, focused on preventing alcohol-related deaths and injuries and underage drinking. Operation Full Throttle includes DUI checkpoints, roving DUI patrols, minor decoys, shoulder tap operations and enforcement of social host (house party) laws throughout San Diego County. It is starting on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 and will continue through January 5<sup>th</sup> 2007.

**WHO:** Joel Bryden, Assistant Chief of Police, San Diego Police Department.

Matthew Hydar - Supervisor, Alcohol Beverage Control, Chair, San Diego County Law Enforcement Task Force on Youth Access to Alcohol.

Judy Walsh-Jackson - Assistant Director, San Diego County Policy Panel on Youth Access to Alcohol

Ivette Lucero - Mother of teen severely injured at Underage Drinking Party

Pat Hodgkin, Executive Director, Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Additional Spanish speakers including **National City Police Chief Adolfo Gonzales**, will also be available for interviews

**WHEN:** Friday, December 15, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** San Diego Community Concourse near central fountain 3<sup>rd</sup> and "B" street

**WHY:** To protect public health and safety during the holidays - some of the most dangerous days of the year for alcohol-related deaths, injuries and crime.

**NOTE:** The Cities of San Diego, San Marcos and La Mesa, and the County of San Diego recently strengthened their social host laws, often called "house party" laws. Under these laws, hosts of underage drinking parties face fines and assessments that can total thousands of dollars.

*Operation Full Throttle* is run under the auspices of the "Avoid the 14," a San Diego Police Department-run program that is funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety to reduce underage drinking and impaired driving throughout San Diego County.