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Two Arrested For DUI

Desert Hot Springs, Calif. – Desert Hot Springs Police Department arrested two drivers on suspicion of Driving while Under the Influence (DUI) while conducting a DUI enforcement patrol on July 24 and July 26.

While the state's stay-at-home order is limiting how often people are out, the Desert Hot Springs Police Department is committed to keeping the public safe when they do need to run essential errands.

"Driving under the influence is dangerous, illegal and puts a further strain on resources in the middle of a pandemic," Chief Jim Henson said. "We are still out there and will not hesitate to stop drivers who drive impaired."

Drivers charged with DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. Always follow directions for use and read warning labels about driving or "operating heavy machinery," which includes driving a car. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department will be holding another DUI enforcement patrol throughout the year to keep our roadways safe.

Funding for this DUI Patrol was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



