

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

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MEDIA ADVISORY FOR UNDERCOVER “STING” OPERATION

- Multiple Law Enforcement Agencies Assemble Largest Shoulder Tap Decoy Operation -

If you would like to ride-along during the “sting” operation, please contact Detective Mike Wolf 562 623-3663 or Sergeant Jason Skeen (562) 623-3652 of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department by Friday, March 14th (by 11AM)

WHAT: On **Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 10am**, the largest “Shoulder TAP” decoy operation ever assembled in California will try to reduce the number of adults who furnish alcohol to minors.

WHO: The Department of Alcohol Beverage Control and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, in conjunction with *multiple* other law enforcement agencies across Southern California, have organized a very large joint task force (**230 law enforcement personnel**). This task force will consist of 38 teams from law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego and Santa Barbara Counties.

WHERE: Law Enforcement Command Post & Media Staging Area will be at **Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk**
Command Post contact number (909) 239-7668.

MEDIA RIDE-ALONGS WILL BE PREDETERMINED WITH THE PARTICIPATING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BASED UPON EARLY RESPONSES TO THIS PRESS RELEASE.

WHY: Pre-holiday (St. Patrick’s Day) sting operation - to reduce youth access to alcohol and send a clear message that adults should not purchase or provide alcohol to persons under the age of 21.

Involved Agencies & Cities:

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department: Artesia • Bellflower • Carson • Cerritos • Hawaiian Gardens • La Mirada • Lakewood • Norwalk • Paramount • Unincorporated Areas

Other Participating Agencies / Jurisdictions: Claremont Police Department • Downey Police Department • Los Angeles Police Department (17 divisions) • Manhattan Beach Police Department • Oceanside Police Department • San Marcos / San Diego Sheriff’s Department • Santa Barbara Country Sheriff’s Department • Seal Beach Police Department