



COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CROSS-BORDER ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROBLEMS
SOLUCIONES CONJUNTAS A PROBLEMAS DEL ALCOHOL Y OTRAS DROGAS

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MASSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION WILL GREET SPRING BREAK PARTY GOERS

Community and youth advocates support Operation Safe Crossing

WHAT:

Operation Safe Crossing—San Diego Police will coordinate a multi-agency enforcement operation at the San Ysidro/Tijuana border crossing this weekend. Officers from SDPD, National City Police Department, Chula Vista Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Probation, State Parole, Shore Patrol, Federal Protection Agency, Transit Police and Alcohol Beverage Control will participate in southbound and northbound operations.

WHERE:

Southbound pedestrian turnstiles—San Diego Police will be checking IDs, turning away everyone under 18 not accompanied by a guardian, detaining those with false identification and enforcing curfew. Youths and other community volunteers will distribute leaflets highlighting Mexican laws and offering recommendations for a safe visit to Tijuana.

Northbound pedestrian crossing—Enforcement of alcohol and public safety laws, arresting intoxicated pedestrians and drivers using a zero tolerance approach.

WHEN:

Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17, 2001 from 9:00 p.m. to dawn.

WHY:

During Spring Break, a large number of teenagers and college students head south of the border to party. This will mean an increase in the number of alcohol-related problems at the border, Tijuana and Rosarito. On any given weekend evening, more than 450 people drive impaired on San Diego County highways after a night of drinking in Mexico.

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