



## VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Jason Salazar, Chief of Police*

---

Liz Jones, Public Safety Police & Fire PIO,  
Media & Communications Manager  
(559) 713-4370 (office) / (559) 713-4807 (fax)  
Elizabeth.Jones@visalia.city

**\*\*\*NEWS RELEASE\*\*\***  
**March 21, 2024**

### **VPD Holding DUI Checkpoint Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Visalia Police Department will conduct a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Driver's License (DL) checkpoint in the City of Visalia. DUI checkpoint locations are determined based on data showing incidents of impaired driving related crashes. The primary purpose of DUI checkpoints is to promote public safety by taking suspected impaired drivers off the road.

The Visalia Police Department would like to remind the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. While medical and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is ILLEGAL. Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the [California Office of Traffic Safety](#), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

