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OFFERING FREE TRANSPORTATION --SCOOTERPATROL MAKES READY WITH A ST. PATRICKS DAY DRINKING AND DRIVING ALTERNATIVE

Seal Beach, CA.-March 6, 2006-- As families and friends come together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with traditional green beer and other favorite drinks, Scooterpatrol is coordinating volunteers to work day and night on March 17th, 2006, to meet their mission of reducing the number of alcohol related crashes and fatalities that, unfortunately, are also a silent but deadly component of the annual tradition.

Founded in 2003 by Anthony Panzica II, Scooterpatrol is a non-profit grass-roots organization that coordinates volunteers to transport potential drunk drivers at no cost from a bar or a party to their home. Designed for the individual who chooses to drink, but not drive, Scooterpatrol transports these people to their home in their own car, thus making the streets a safer place for everyone.

According to the National Safety Council (NSC), every 30 minutes someone dies in an alcohol-related crash. In 2002 NSC reported that Alcohol is a factor in 6% of all traffic crashes, and over 40% of all fatal crashes. "When we do the transport, our objective is always outreach and public awareness," Panzica says.

"We operate year round and encourage people to call ahead and make a reservation if they know they will be doing some heavy drinking. Generally, we service Seal Beach, Sunset Beach, Surfside Colony, Huntington Beach, Huntington Harbor, and Belmont Shore, California but because of the number of Irish Pubs in Seal Beach and the number of calls in past years, we will only serve Seal Beach on March 17th, 2006. To accommodate the need, Scooterpatrol, will also provide two shuttles that will pick up individuals and take them home for a nominal donation (within a 10 mile radius).

Reducing alcohol-related traffic deaths is one of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) top priorities. Their slogan is "You Drink and Drive, You Lose." Scooterpatrol agrees with their message: Make the right choice, don't drink alcohol and drive—it's that simple.

In 2005, Scooterpatrol received a Platinum Key of Life Award from Doctors for Designated Driving in New York City. Scooterpatrol's free transportation service is made possible through the generosity of local Seal Beach merchants and other sponsors who contribute funding, scooters, and supplies. For more information call Scooterpatrol at 562-577-7365 or 714-240-3534. or visit www.scooterpatrol.org

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