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SDPD Awarded $741,000 Grant to Increase Safety on Roads

San Diego — The San Diego Police Department announced today that it has received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to support its ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on our roads.

“This grant gives us additional resources to address the driving behaviors that are causing serious and fatal crashes on San Diego streets,” Sergeant Gregory Minter said. “Our partnership with the California Office of Traffic Safety allows us to put more officers in the field, focus enforcement and education where they can have the greatest impact, and help make our roads safer for everyone.”

The grant will provide additional programs and resources, including:

- DUI checkpoints and patrols focused on stopping suspected impaired drivers
- High-visibility distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers in violation of California’s hands-free cell phone law
- Enforcement operations focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of people biking or walking at risk
- Enforcement operations focused on top driving violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper turning or lane changes
- Collaborative enforcement efforts with neighboring agencies

“Traffic safety begins with everyday decisions,” OTS Director Stephanie Dougherty said. “When we address the risky driving behaviors that put everyone on the road in danger, including speeding, distraction, and impairment, we can prevent crashes and save lives. By supporting enforcement efforts and educating communities, we’re helping to build a safety culture where looking out for others and safe travel behaviors are the norm.”

The grant program runs through September 2027. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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