Fullerton PD Awarded Traffic Education & Enforcement Grant from OTS

The Fullerton Police Department received a $460,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a one-year enforcement and education program. The money will fund various activities intended to reduce deaths and injuries on California roads.

“The Fullerton Police Department is committed to traffic safety education and enforcement, and stopping impaired driving on our roads. We are grateful that the California Office of Traffic Safety continues to support our efforts in both these areas as we work every day to ensure our roads are safe for everyone” said Fullerton Police Chief Robert Dunn.

The grant-related activities are for the 2020 federal fiscal year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020.

The funding received from the OTS will be used for numerous programs, including:

- DUI/driver’s license checkpoints.
- Patrons specifically looking for suspected alcohol and/or drug-impaired drivers.
- Patrons targeting violations of California’s hands-free cell phone law and vehicle code violations by drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians that put other roadway users at risk.
- Patrons targeting the primary causes of crashes: Speeding, improper turns, running stop signs or signals, right-of-way violations and driving on the wrong side of the road.
- Traffic safety education presentations for youth and community members on distracted and impaired driving, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Creating “Hot Sheets” identifying repeat DUI offenders.
- The training of Police Officers from throughout California to identify suspected impaired drunk and drug impaired drivers and how to conduct field sobriety tests.

“Getting in a vehicle remains one of the most dangerous things we do,” OTS director Barbara Rooney said. “We must continue to work with our partners in law enforcement to shift that realization and make traveling on our roads safer.”

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