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Subject: Fullerton Police Department Awarded $520,436 in Grants from OTS

The safety of everyone traveling is the focus of these grants awarded to The Fullerton Police Department. The total of $520,436 in grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will assist in Fullerton Police’s efforts to reduce deaths and injuries on Fullerton’s roads and roadways throughout the county. One grant was for selective traffic enforcement and education in the amount of $493,500 and another was for improvements in traffic data reporting in the amount of $26,936.

“The education and enforcement of traffic laws as well as the detection of impaired drivers on our roads are all critical pieces in the overall welfare of our city. The Fullerton Police Department is grateful to the California Office of Traffic Safety for their continuous support in our efforts to maintain public safety on our community’s roadways” said Fullerton Police Chief Robert Dunn.

The one-year grants are for the 2021 federal fiscal year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021.

The grants will fund a variety of traffic safety programs, including:

• Patrols with emphasis on alcohol and drug-impaired driving prevention.
• Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of California’s hands-free cell phone law.
• Patrols with emphasis on the education of traffic rights for bicyclists and pedestrians.
• Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of primary causes of crashes: excess speed, failure to yield, failure to stop at stop signs/signals, improper turning/lane changes.
• Community education presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.
• Collaborative efforts with neighboring agencies on traffic safety priorities.
• Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).
• Develop a new, or update an existing, electronic crash reporting system with software that is able to submit data to the California Highway Patrol’s Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS).
• Develop an electronic citation system.

Funding for these programs was provided by grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.