



PRESS RELEASE

SCOTT LOUGHNER, CHIEF OF POLICE

DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM TO INCREASE SAFETY ON ROADS



Downey, CA, November 4, 2024 : The Downey Police Department was awarded a \$330,000 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.

"We are grateful to receive this grant, which will strengthen our traffic enforcement efforts and improve road safety," Downey Police Chief Scott Loughner said. "By increasing enforcement of traffic laws and focusing on high-risk areas, we aim to reduce dangerous driving behaviors, prevent crashes, and 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 violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper turning or lane changes.
- Community presentations on impaired driving.
- Enforcement operations targeting street racing.
- Collaborative enforcement efforts with neighboring agencies.

- Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

The grant program will run through September 2025.

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