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Monterey Park Police Department Awarded Traffic Education and Enforcement Grant from California Office of Traffic Safety

Monterey Park, Calif. - October 1, 2019 - [Monterey Park Police Department](#) received a \$95,000 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.

"We appreciate the partnership we have with the California Office of Traffic Safety. The grant funds we receive will be well spent in educating our community on safe driving and pedestrian habits. Additionally, it will assist us in providing for enforcement of violations that are the primary factor in collisions that result in injury or death," said Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith. "The goal is to make our community safer."

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

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

- DUI/driver's license checkpoints.
- Patrols specifically looking for suspected alcohol and/or drug-impaired drivers.
- Patrols 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.
- Patrols 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.
- Officer training to identify suspected impaired drivers and conduct 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."

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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