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## Monterey Park Police Department Receives Grant for Special Traffic Enforcement and Crash Prevention

Monterey Park, Calif. – November 3, 2015 - The [Monterey Park Police Department](#) has been awarded a \$186,000 grant from the [California Office of Traffic Safety](#) (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic related deaths and injuries. The Monterey Park Police Department will use the funding as part of the city's ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

"The goal of our partnership with our community and the Office of Traffic Safety is to reduce traffic related injuries and deaths. We will do this through a program of community education and enforcement," explained Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith.

After falling dramatically between 2006 and 2010, the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions has been slowly rising. Particularly alarming are recent increases in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities, the growing dangers of distracting technologies and the emergence of drug-impaired driving as a major problem. This grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these and other devastating problems such as drunk driving, speeding and crashes at intersections.

"Overall, California's roadways are among the safest in the nation," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "But to meet future mobility, safety, and accessible transportation objectives, we have to reverse this recent trend in order to reach our common goal - zero deaths on our roadways. The Office of Traffic Safety and the Monterey Park Police Department want to work with everyone to create a culture of traffic safety across Monterey Park and the state."

Activities that the grant will fund include:

- Educational presentations
- DUI saturation patrols
- Distracted driving enforcement
- Seat belt and child safety seat enforcement
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement
- Speed, red light and stop sign enforcement
- Warrant service operations targeting multiple DUI offenders
- Compilation of DUI "Hot Sheets" identifying worst-of-the-worst DUI offenders
- Specialized DUI and drugged driving training such as Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE).

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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