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The Orange County Sheriff's Department Awarded \$450,370.00 Grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety

SANTA ANA, Ca. (October 30, 2020): The safety of everyone traveling is the focus of a grant awarded to the Orange County Sheriff's Department. The \$450,370.00 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety will assist in the Orange County Sheriff's Department's efforts to reduce deaths and injuries on Orange County Roads.

"These are trying times, and now more than ever, it is important that we are at the forefront of traffic safety," Sheriff Don Barnes said. "This funding allows us to educate and enhance the safety of all residents."

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

The grant 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 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).

"Traffic enforcement efforts are not intended to be punitive but are intended to educate members of the public to keep motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians safe," Sheriff Don Barnes said.

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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