

Ventura Police Department Receives Grant For Special Traffic Enforcement And Crash Prevention



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Location: City of Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: November 13, 2014

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD

Narrative:

Ventura Police Department has been awarded a \$95,000.00 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. Ventura 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.

"Safe Streets are an important element of preventing harm in our Community. The proactive policing efforts that take place under the funding provided through this grant plays an important role in our efforts make our roadways safer," commented Police Chief Ken Corney.

After falling dramatically between 2006 and 2010, the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions saw slight increases in 2011 and 2012. Particularly worrisome are recent increases in pedestrian and motorcycle fatalities and the dangers of distracting technologies. This grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these and other devastating problems such as drunk and drugged driving and speeding.

"California's roadways are still among the safest in the nation," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "But to meet future mobility, safety, and sustainability objectives, we must create safer roadways for all users. The Ventura Police Department will be using these and other resources to reach the vision we all share – *Toward zero deaths, every 1 counts.*"

Activities that the grant will fund include:

- Educational presentations
- DUI checkpoints
- DUI saturation patrols
- Distracted driving 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)
- Court "sting" operations to cite individuals driving from DUI court after ignoring their license suspension or revocation
- Stakeout operations to observe the "worst-of-the-worst" repeat DUI offender probationers with suspended or revoked driver licenses

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