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San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Awarded Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety for Traffic Enforcement Program to Increase Safety on Roads

San Mateo County, Calif. – The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office was awarded a \$207,400 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The grant will support our ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on our roads.

The grant will provide additional programs and resources, including:

- DUI checkpoints and saturation 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 traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding and bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- 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).
- Conducting highly publicized Motorcycle Safety, pedestrian safety and/or bicycle safety enforcement operation(s) in areas or during events with a high number of motorcycle incidents or crashes resulting from unsafe



speed, DUI, following too closely, unsafe lane changes, improper turning, and other primary crash factor violations.

The grant program will run through September 2024.

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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