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OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT FOR SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND CRASH PREVENTION

Oakland, CA —The Oakland Police Department has received a grant of \$175,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on our roadways through special enforcement and public awareness efforts.

The grant will aid in the city's ongoing effort to improve traffic safety, particularly impaired drivers, education and quality of life.

"If we find you driving impaired, we will arrest you; no exceptions," Chief Sean Whent warned. "Even if you beat the odds and survive an impaired driving crash, the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can still have a heavy impact on your life."

The grant will assist in efforts to deal with traffic safety problems and to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions. While traffic deaths from all causes declined by nearly 39 percent between 2006 and 2010 in California, they rose by 2.6 percent in 2011. State and federal officials anticipate that figures will rise again for 2012. DUI deaths remain the largest factor, at nearly 30 percent of traffic fatalities. Recent trends show increases in two new categories – *distracted driving and drug-impaired driving*.

Activities that the grant will fund include:

- DUI Saturation Patrols
- Traffic Enforcement operations
- Motorcycle safety enforcement-safety gear and unsafe riding
- Distracted driving(texting)enforcement
- Speed, red light and stop sign enforcement

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

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages

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