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Oakland Police Department Receives Grant for Special Traffic Enforcement and Crash Prevention

Oakland, CA – The Oakland Police Department has been awarded a \$140,220 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcement activity and public awareness efforts aimed at preventing traffic-related deaths and injuries. The Department will use the funding as part of the ongoing commitment of the City of Oakland to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

“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.”

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 Oakland 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:

- DUI/DL checkpoints
- DUI saturation patrols
- Traffic enforcement operations
- Motorcycle safety enforcement
- Distracted driving enforcement
- Seat belt and child safety seat enforcement
- Speed, red light and stop sign enforcement
- 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)

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Funding for this program is from OTS through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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

1. Text TIP OAKLANDPD to 888777 from your cell phone followed by your tip
2. Call our toll-free tip hotline at 855-TIPS-247 (855-847-7247)
3. Submit a tip by web form - see the option at the bottom of OPD's Nixle messages or visit <http://nixle.us/tip/oakland-police-department-ca/> to complete and send.

Anonymous Tipping allows residents to proactively connect with the Oakland Police Department by submitting anonymous tips via web form and text message. Additionally, with the issuance of a tipping passcode to tipsters, we can initiate a two-way, anonymous communication to help gather more information.

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