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HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE LAUNCH PROGRAM TO COMBAT DUI DEATHS AND INJURIES

The Huntington Beach Police Department is set to commence a year-long anti-DUI program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on our roadways. New enforcement measures to combat impaired driving are coming as a result of a recent \$181,077 grant awarded by the Office of Traffic Safety to the City of Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach Police Department is dedicated to keeping our streets safe through both enforcement and education.

“The grant will improve traffic safety in Huntington Beach,” said Huntington Beach Police Chief, Kenneth W. Small. “Through this grant, funding was obtained to impact those who drive while impaired.”

The special DUI Enforcement and Awareness grant is to assist in efforts to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and other drug related collisions. The grant activities will specifically target impaired driving offenders as well as educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving. This will be done through the use of DUI/driver’s license checkpoints, warrant services and stakeouts for repeat DUI offenders, saturation patrols, and court stings where DUI offenders with suspended or revoked driver licenses get behind the wheel after leaving court.

“Impaired driving is a serious crime that kills and injures thousands every year in California,” said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. “This grant will help get drunk drivers off the roadways of Huntington Beach, making it safer for everyone.

Funding for the grant comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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