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BURBANK PD RECEIVES GRANT FOR SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT & CRASH PREVENTION

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The Burbank Police Department has been awarded a 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. The Burbank 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.

Burbank Police Chief Scott LaChasse said, "This grant from the California OTS will allow us to deploy more officers onto the streets to offer more education and enforcement, ultimately making our community a safer place to live, work and play."

After falling to a ten year low in 2010, the number of persons killed has climbed nearly 17% across the state with 3,176 killed in 2015 according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Particularly alarming is the six year rise in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities, along with the growing dangers of distracting technologies, and the emergence of drug-impaired driving as a major problem.

"Years of research tell us that enforcement and education work best jointly to combat unsafe driving," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "This grant brings both tactics together, with the Office of Traffic Safety and the Burbank Police Department working in concert to help keep the streets and highways safe across the City of Burbank and the state."

Activities that the grant will fund include:

- Educational presentations
- DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement
- Distracted driving enforcement
- Seat belt and child safety seat 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) and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)

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

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