



SCOTT LACHASSE
CHIEF OF POLICE

BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

200 North Third Street, Burbank, CA 91502

OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

GRANT FOR SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND CRASH PREVENTION

DATE: November 12, 2015

The Burbank Police Department has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcement and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic-related deaths and injuries. We 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 enhance the police department's ability to present the critical components of education, safety awareness and other resources to the community. The Burbank Police Department and OTS continue to work collaboratively to keep the safety of our citizens on the roadway a priority."

After falling dramatically across the state, between 2006 and 2010, the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions has been slowly rising. Particularly alarming are recent increases in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities, the growing dangers of distracting technologies, and the emergence of drug-impaired driving as a major problem. This grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these and other devastating problems such as drunk driving, speeding and crashes at intersections.

"Overall, California's roadways are among the safest in the nation," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "But to meet future mobility, safety, and accessible transportation objectives, we have to reverse this recent trend in order to reach our common goal – zero deaths on our roadways. The Office of Traffic Safety and the Burbank Police Department want to work with everyone to create a culture of traffic safety across Burbank and the State."

Activities the grant will fund include:

- Educational presentations
- DUI checkpoints
- DUI saturation patrols
- Motorcycle safety enforcement
- Distracted driving enforcement
- Seat belt and child safety seat enforcement
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety 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.

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

**QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS STATEMENT MAY BE DIRECTED TO
SERGEANT CLAUDIO LOSACCO, @ 818-238-3240 OR CLOSACCO@BURBANKCA.GOV**

24-HOUR: 818-238-3000

PRESS INFORMATION OFFICE: 818-238-3240

DETECTIVE BUREAU: 818-238-3210

[TWITTER@BURBANKPD](https://twitter.com/BURBANKPD)

BURBANKPD.ORG

FACEBOOK.COM/BURBANKPD

LACRIMESTOPPERS.ORG

CRIME STOPPERS: 800-222-TIPS (8477)

WWW.NIXLE.COM

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE