

# Placerville Police News Release



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## PLACERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED \$72,000 GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

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**Placerville, CA** – The safety of everyone traveling is the focus of a grant awarded to the Placerville Police Department. The \$72,000 grant for the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will assist the Placerville Police Department's efforts to reduce deaths and injuries on Placerville roads.

"These are trying times, and more than ever, it is important that we are at the forefront of traffic safety," Placerville Police Chief Wren said. "This funding allows us to educate and enhance the safety of all residents."

The one-year grant is for the 2021 federal fiscal year, which runs from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

The grant will fund a variety of traffic safety programs, including:

- Patrols with emphasis on alcohol and drug-impaired driving prevention
- Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of California's hands-free cell phone law.
- Patrols with emphasis on education of traffic rights for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of primary causes of crashes: excess speed, failure to yield, failure to stop at stop signs/signals, improper turning/lane changes.
- Community education presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Officer training: Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

"Through education and behavior changes, we hope to create an environment that is safe and equitable for all road users in our community," Chief Wren said.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.