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South San Francisco Police Awarded Traffic Education and Enforcement Grant from the OTS

South San Francisco, Calif. – The South San Francisco Police Department received a \$90,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a one-year enforcement and education program. The money will fund various activities intended to reduce deaths and injuries on California roads.

Police Chief Jeff Azzopardi said, “This marks the twelfth consecutive year of our partnership with the Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. During this partnership, as a direct result of the grant-funded operations, we have arrested and removed 164 intoxicated and impaired drivers from our roadways. We have also made 116 criminal arrests for other offenses during the grant-funded operations. In addition to the arrests, 898 drivers who were unlicensed or driving with a suspended license were issued citations and in some cases, had their vehicles towed.”

“When comparing the two years before we began working with the Office of Traffic Safety to the last eleven years when we have worked with them, we have seen a 40 percent reduction in fatality traffic collisions, a 22 percent reduction in alcohol-related injury traffic collisions, and a 37 percent reduction in speed-related injury collisions”, stated Chief Azzopardi.

The grant-related activities are for the 2020 federal fiscal year, which runs from October 1st, 2019 through September 30th, 2020.

The funding from the OTS will be used for numerous programs, including:

- DUI/driver’s license checkpoints.
- Patrols specifically looking for suspected alcohol and/or drug-impaired drivers.
- Patrols targeting violations of California’s hands-free cell phone law and vehicle code violations by drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians that put other roadway users at risk.
- Patrols targeting the primary causes of crashes: Speeding, improper turns, running stop signs or signals, right-of-way violations and driving on the wrong side of the road.

- Creating “Hot Sheets” identifying repeat DUI offenders.

“Getting in a vehicle remains one of the most dangerous things we do,” OTS director Barbara Rooney said. “We must continue to work with our partners in law enforcement to shift that realization and make traveling on our roads safer.”

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