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### **GRANT HELPS CHP REMOVE THOUSANDS OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS FROM ROAD**

SACRAMENTO – The California Highway Patrol (CHP) recently concluded a nine-month enforcement grant aimed at combating impaired drivers along California roadways.

“Drunk driving is a major cause of fatal and injury collisions each year,” said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. “The only way to reduce the thousands of collisions attributed to drinking and driving, is to remove the impaired driver from the equation. That’s where law enforcement comes in.”

The grant, “Sobriety Checkpoint Operations and Roving DUI Enforcement (SCORE),” provided funding for additional DUI enforcement throughout the state. CHP personnel were deployed on an overtime basis with the mission of apprehending impaired drivers. In addition to enforcing DUI laws, officers also enforced all other traffic safety laws such as, speeding, unsafe passing, and occupant restraint violations.

Using project-funded overtime, the CHP conducted 138 sobriety/driver license checkpoints, 64 DUI task force operations, and 65,000 hours of proactive DUI enforcement patrol resulting in 3,211 DUI arrests. Additionally, the CHP conducted local traffic safety presentations and Designated Driver Programs impacting thousands of people throughout California.

“Every impaired driver removed from the roadway is a potential life saved,” added Commissioner Farrow.

Last year in California there were more than 9,500 alcohol-involved collisions. These same collisions resulted in 837 victims killed and more than 13,000 victims injured.

The CHP’s mission was made possible by a 6.8 million dollar grant. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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