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CHP SECURES FEDERAL GRANT TO ENHANCE OLDER DRIVER SAFETY

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Highway Patrol (CHP), in partnership with the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), is excited to announce the receipt of a \$225,000 federal grant to launch the “Keeping Everyone Safe” (KEYS) program. This program is designed to enhance traffic education and health awareness for drivers aged 65 and older and aims to ensure older drivers remain safe, confident, and informed on the road.

A vital feature of this program is the “Age Well, Drive Smart” class. This free, two-hour course addresses older drivers' unique challenges, such as age-related changes, crash risk factors, safe driving strategies, and Department of Motor Vehicles licensing requirements. This class also provides helpful self-assessment resources. Classes are offered at all CHP Area offices and taught by experienced CHP public information officers (PIOs), who bring the class directly to community locations for added convenience. In addition, PIOs will engage with older drivers at local events and community gatherings.

“Ensuring the safety of California’s older drivers is essential as they remain active on our roads. This federal grant allows us to provide targeted resources and support to help them drive confidently and safely,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “Our goal is to enhance their independence while reducing risks, making our state’s roads safer for everyone.”

The CHP is committed to supporting California’s older drivers with the education and resources they need to continue driving safely and confidently.

For more information on the “KEYS” program or to enroll in an upcoming “Age Well, Drive Smart” class, contact your [local CHP office](#).

This program is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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