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\$6.1 MILLION GRANT SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO REDUCE IMPAIRED DRIVING IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Highway Patrol (CHP), in collaboration with the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), has launched a year-long \$6.1 million campaign focused on reducing impaired driving incidents across the state. The “Bring Impairment Down” campaign, funded by an OTS grant, runs through September 30, 2025, and combines education and enforcement to make California’s roads safer. The OTS grant will fund enhanced DUI saturation patrols, sobriety checkpoints, and public education campaigns throughout the state. These efforts aim to remove impaired drivers from the road and increase awareness about the dangers of driving under the influence.

Driving under the influence (DUI) continues to be a significant threat to public safety. In 2023, 1,089 people were killed, and 27,306 were injured in alcohol-involved crashes in California. These statistics underscore the urgent need to address impaired driving, and this grant reinforces CHP’s dedication to preventing these preventable tragedies.

“The CHP’s primary mission is to ensure the safety of California’s roadways. This significant grant will allow us to focus not only on enforcement but also on education, helping to prevent impaired driving before it happens,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “By combining these two approaches, we are confident that we can make our roads safer, reduce tragedies, and save lives.”

The CHP will also participate in the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" initiative and increase enforcement efforts during the Winter and Summer mobilization periods,

further supporting the goal of reducing DUI crashes in California.

The CHP reminds everyone that “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Alcohol.” Driving under the influence of cannabis, prescription medications, illegal drugs, or any combination of substances impairs a driver’s abilities and can lead to an arrest. Designating a sober driver, using public transportation, or taking a taxi or ride-share is always important—there is no excuse for driving while impaired.

The public is also encouraged to report suspected DUI drivers by calling 9-1-1. When making a report, provide the dispatcher with the vehicle’s location, direction of travel, and a description of the vehicle. For more information about impaired driving, contact your local CHP Area office.

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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