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Summary: San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Awarded \$250,000 Grant From the Office of Traffic Safety

San Mateo County, CA – The safety of everyone traveling is the focus of a grant awarded to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. The \$250,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will assist with Sheriff's Office efforts to reduce deaths and injuries on San Mateo County roads.

"These are trying times, and now more than ever, it is important that we are at the forefront of traffic safety," Sheriff Carlos Bolanos 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
- Collaborative efforts with neighboring agencies on traffic safety priorities
- Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and 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," Sheriff Carlos Bolanos.

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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