



SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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TRAFFIC GRANT AIMED AT CURBING AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS

The Santa Ana Police Department has secured a driving under the influence and aggressive driver traffic grant, in order to enhance safety awareness regarding accidents involving speeding violations and drunk driving. Enforcement will be conducted in areas where a high number of collisions have occurred and DUI arrests have been made.

The period of increased enforcement started on October 1st of this year and will continue through September of 2008. This initiative is supported by a \$634,720.00 dollar grant made possible by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

In conjunction with this grant, a Traffic Committee comprised of various community members was formed to assist in future enforcement strategies as well as public education. The goal is to reduce the high number of traffic collisions throughout the City.

In addition to enforcement, this grant will also fund the purchase of 5 new motorcycles, allowing 5 additional officers to be assigned traffic duties. The primary responsibility of these officers will be the enforcement of laws that directly contribute to accidents. The areas affected by accidents were identified by analysis and members of the Traffic Committee.

New technology has also been included in the grant, with the purchase of a new DUI trailer and 10 laser handheld (LIDAR) speed indicators.