



Colton Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

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Colton Police Department Awarded Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) to Increase Safety on Roads

Colton, Calif. – The Colton Police Department was awarded a \$160,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The grant will support our ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on our roads. The grant program will run through September 2026.

“The Colton Police Department is dedicated to utilizing problem-solving partnerships in order to strengthen our commitment to the safety of our community. This grant will strengthen our traffic enforcement efforts and improve roadway safety,” Chief Anthony Vega said. “By increasing enforcement of traffic laws and focusing on critical areas, we aim to reduce dangerous driving behaviors, prevent collisions, and make our roadways safer for everyone.”

The grant will provide additional programs and resources, including:

- DUI checkpoints and patrols focused on stopping suspected impaired drivers.
- High-visibility distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers in violation of California’s hands-free cell phone law.
- Enforcement operations focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of people biking or walking at risk.
- Enforcement operations focused on top violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper turning or lane changes.
- Community presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding and bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Collaborative enforcement efforts with neighboring agencies.
- Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

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