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Visalia Police Department Awarded \$270,000 Grant From the OTS

Visalia, Calif. – The safety of everyone traveling is the focus of a grant awarded to Visalia Police Department. The \$270,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will assist in Visalia Police Department's efforts to reduce deaths and injuries on Visalia roads.

"It is important that we are at the forefront of traffic safety," Visalia PD, Agt. Jacob Sorensen 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 Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021.

The grant will fund a variety of traffic safety programs, including: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- 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.
- Community education presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- 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," Agt. Jacob Sorensen said.



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