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LOS BANOS POLICE COMMENCE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

More traffic enforcement and safer streets are coming to Los Banos in the coming years. New equipment purchases and increased special traffic enforcement measures are on tap as a result of a recent \$227,501.00 grant awarded by the Office of Traffic Safety to the Los Banos Police Department. The Los Banos Police Department is dedicated to keeping our roadways safe through both enforcement and education.

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant is to assist in efforts to deal with increased traffic safety problems and reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions. The grant activities will specifically target DUI offenders, drivers with suspended or revoked licenses, illegal street racing, red light running and seat belt violations. This will be done through the use of DUI/drivers license checkpoint, special enforcement operations, and court stings where DUI offenders with suspended or revoked driver's licenses get behind the wheel after leaving court.

The grant will also provide funding for Los Banos to purchase a completely outfitted traffic enforcement motorcycle and overtime to conduct special enforcement activities.

“When more people buckle up and drive sober and safely, we save lives. It’s just that simple,” said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. “This grant will help make Los Banos just that much safer of a place to live and work.”

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