

CHP uses grant to help ‘Put the Brakes’ on speed crashes

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Speed and aggressive driving continue to be major causes of death and injury on the state’s roadways. With the assistance of federal funds, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) will focus additional resources on reducing these types of crashes throughout the state.

On Oct. 1, the CHP implemented the yearlong Regulate Aggressive Driving and Reduce Speed (RADARS) V grant with the primary goal of decreasing the number of people killed and injured in crashes as a result of unsafe speed. To achieve this, the CHP will conduct enhanced enforcement and public awareness campaigns statewide. Additionally, the grant will provide funding to allow officers to focus on enforcement of street racing and sideshow activities – an increasing problem statewide.

“Speed and aggressive driving are not only unsafe driving behaviors that can lead to injury or death, but they have increasingly become a major cause of concern for many roadway users,” said CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley. “The RADARS grant will assist our officers in addressing the issue and saving lives.”

Street racing, speeding and aggressive driving pose a significant danger to everyone on the road. In federal fiscal year 2017-18, speed was a factor in approximately 31% of all fatal and injury crashes in California. That year, 547 people were killed and nearly 90,000 were injured in more than 61,000 speed-related crashes throughout the state.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

