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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY SUPPORTS THE TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH OVER A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS IN EQUIPMENT

Once again the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS), under the leadership of Director Alberto Gutier, has provided some much needed funding during the City's current budgetary constraints. The Tucson Police Department has always been a leader in Southern Arizona by addressing traffic related issues in our community to include traffic fatalities, injuries and property damage. This has been and will continue to be a priority. However, without the continuing support from GOHS we would be much further away from our goal.

In just the last few months the Department obtained six (6) police motorcycles and two unmarked SUVs, for additional impaired driver enforcement efforts; twenty four (24) laser speed detection devices (LIDAR), for the impaired driver enforcement unit and our field patrol officers; and a dynamometer (VERICOM) for traffic crash investigations. In total, over \$250,000 of equipment was provided through grant funding from GOHS.

When combined with additional equipment and overtime funding for training, education and enforcement in the areas of speed, impaired driving, pedestrian and bicycle safety and occupant protection, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety has provided well over 2 million dollars in grant funding over the last three years to our community.

In recognition of the efforts of GOHS and Director Alberto Gutier, the Tucson Police Department will be holding a press conference on Friday, September 5th, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the front entrance of the Tucson Police Department's Traffic Division at 1310 West Miracle Mile. Tucson Police Chief Roberto Villaseñor as well as Director Alberto Gutier will be speaking. In addition, the following equipment will be on display:

- Six Honda Police Motorcycles purchased for DUI enforcement
- Two unmarked SUVs purchased for DUI enforcement
- ProLaser IV – Laser speed detection device (1 of 24) purchased for speed enforcement
- VERICOM – dynamometer purchased for serious and fatal traffic crash investigations

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- DUI Processing Unit

There will be a number of personnel from the Traffic Division to answer questions and provide interviews regarding all aspects of the Department's traffic enforcement efforts.

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