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ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT

The Tucson Police Department is proud to announce the acceptance of a \$30,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

The Tucson Police Department, Traffic Safety Unit, was recently awarded a \$30,000 STEP Enforcement grant from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety under the direction of Director Alberto Gutier. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety is committed to its partnership with the Tucson Police Department in combating "aggressive" driving behavior. Speeding is one of the top three causes of death on Arizona's roads and highways (the others being impaired driving and failure to be properly restrained). The grant monies will be used to reduce collisions by focusing on enforcing violations, which are directly related to the cause of many motor vehicle collisions. These violations include but are not limited to exceeding the posted speed limit, following too closely, failure to yield right of way to other traffic, failure to stop for red lights or stop signs, aggressive driving, use of a handheld portable device while driving, and driving while impaired (drug or alcohol). Seat belt and child restraint compliance will also be strictly enforced. This grant will be in effect from November 2022 until the end of September 2023.

Several intersections that generate a high number of collisions citywide have been identified and will be targeted during the deployment. The funding received from the grant will be allocated toward the utilization of motor officers to enforce traffic laws in and around the designated intersections. The deployments will occur on various days and during various hours on a regular basis for the period of the grant cycle. The Tucson Police Department is committed to traffic safety for 2022.

The Tucson Police Department is grateful to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for its support in helping to make our roadways in Tucson safer.

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