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ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY OCCUPANT PROTECTION TRAFFIC GRANTS & TRAFFIC INVESTIGATOR TRAINING GRANT

The Tucson Police Department is proud to announce the acceptance of three separate traffic grants from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). Funding from these grants will be in effect from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

Grant #1: \$10,070.00 Traffic Investigator Training Grant. The grant funding will be used to provide specialized training for traffic reconstruction at serious and fatal collision scenes. The leader in traffic reconstruction is the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) in Phoenix Arizona. The funding will allow traffic investigators from the Tucson Police Department the opportunity to remain in state to obtain the needed training. The IPTM courses allow the investigators the necessary training to read roadway evidence and conduct proper interviews. These collision scenes can be very complicated and require a higher understanding of both physics and math. The specialized training will help build the necessary foundation to build stronger cases and aid in the furtherance of criminal prosecution.

Grant #2: \$30,000.00 Collision Investigation Equipment Grant. The grant funding was obtained to purchase a FARO 3D scanner. FARO makes a crime scene scanner that can take thousands of point readings in a matter of minutes. This technology will assist in prosecution with its enhanced detail for courtroom presentations. Just as important, police officers will be able to open the closed roadways much sooner when investigating serious and fatal collisions often due to impairments. The technology will be used in an effort to reduce serious and fatal collisions in our community.

Grant #3: \$42,910.00 Occupant Protection Grant. The grant funding will be used to heighten the awareness of the public to the hazards of non-seatbelt use and child restraint violations. This will be accomplished through public education using classroom and hands on training at public car seat check events. Nationally certified car seat technicians will be available to hand out information and answer questions about car seats and booster seats at these events. In an effort to reduce serious and fatal collisions, comprehensive enforcement efforts we be conducted on the streets of Tucson.

The Tucson Police Department would like to thank the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety for their continued support with helping to make our streets a safer place to travel.

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