Pismo Beach Police Department

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Pismo Beach Police Department Awarded CHP Grant for DUI Enforcement

Pismo Beach, CA – Details: The Pismo Beach Police Department is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a $119,319.28 grant from the California Highway Patrol's Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program, valid through June 2025. This generous funding will be directed towards enhancing our DUI enforcement efforts, with a particular emphasis on addressing cannabis-impaired driving.

The grant will support several important initiatives designed to bolster public safety and safeguard the Pismo Beach community:

- Saturation Patrols: We will increase our saturation patrols to deter and identify impaired driving. These patrols will be strategically focused on high-risk areas and during peak times to ensure a strong law enforcement presence and communicate that impaired driving will not be tolerated.

- Specialized Officer Training: The grant will fund specialized training for officers to improve their ability to identify impairment in drivers. This training will prepare officers to effectively tackle the unique challenges associated with DUI cases.

- Advanced Breath Testing Equipment: The grant will allow us to purchase cutting-edge breath testing equipment, improving the accuracy and efficiency of our DUI enforcement. This technology will support quick and precise detection of impaired drivers.

"Grant funding is crucial for our efforts to combat impaired driving. These funds enable us to deploy additional officers, provide enhanced training, purchase state of the art equipment and provide public education on the dangers of driving under the influence. Without this financial support, our ability to keep the roads safe and save lives would be significantly diminished." - Chief Jeff Smith, Pismo Beach Police Department

The Pismo Beach Police Department is dedicated to using these funds to create a safer community for all residents and visitors. With the backing of the California Highway Patrol and our community, we are confident that this initiative will make a significant and positive difference in the safety and well-being of Pismo Beach.