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New Grant Helps Sheriff's Department Stop Impaired Drivers

\$550,000 grant to be used for DUI enforcement, checkpoints

The *California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)* has awarded the San Diego County Sheriff's Department a \$550,000 grant that will fund a year's worth of special operations and campaigns designed to stop drivers under the influence of alcohol and drugs.



"Thanks to this important grant, the Sheriff's Department

can continue to protect San Diego County from impaired drivers," said Sheriff Bill Gore.

Impaired driving checkpoints, patrols and distracted driving/traffic enforcement will all be funded by the grant. The goal is to reduce DUI-related crashes and deaths in San Diego County.

So far in 2019, nearly 1,100 people have been arrested for impaired driving by Sheriff's Deputies. In 2018, deputies arrested 1,183 people for impaired driving. Impaired driving doesn't just mean alcohol. It can include marijuana and prescription drug use.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the *California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)*, through the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)*.

