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San Bernardino Police Department Working To Reduce Motorcycle Fatalities

Police increased enforcement aimed at dangerous riders and careless motorists

The San Bernardino Police Department conducted a city-wide specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation on Monday, August 4, 2014 in an effort to continue lowering deaths and injuries. Extra officers were on duty patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle crashes occur. Officers conducted 153 traffic stops on motorcycles and other vehicles looking for drivers and riders who were under the influence of drugs or alcohol and cracking down on traffic violations that can lead to motorcycle collisions, injuries and fatalities.

During this event, two people were arrested for warrants and 101 citations were issued for various non-DUI violations, including 11 citations issued to drivers for driving with a suspended or revoked license and 27 citations issued to drivers for driving without a valid license. 48 vehicles were impounded during this program, 22 of which were impounded for 30 days.

Riders can get training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at www.CA-msp.org or 1-877 RIDE 411 or 1-877-743-3411.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Motorcycle Safety Tips

Tips for drivers to help keep motorcyclists safe on our roadways:

- * Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections;
- * Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic;
- * Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle – motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed;
- * Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, when behind a motorcycle so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. And don't tailgate. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.
- *Never drive while distracted.
- *Wearing brightly colored protective gear;
- * Using reflective tape and stickers to increase conspicuity; and

The message to all drivers and motorcyclists is: Help to share in the responsibility and do your part by safely “sharing the road.”

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