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**National City Police Department Receives
Grant to Fight Alcohol-Related Crimes**

National City, CA – The National City Police Department announced today that the department has been awarded a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and will be administered by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to battle alcohol-related harm.

"With the assistance provided from ABC and OTS, we will have more resources to prevent crimes that lead to drunk driving crashes," said Police Chief Jose Tellez.

The goal of the grant is to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors and reduce alcohol –related crime through multiple enforcement, educational, and prevention programs conducted by local law enforcement officers. Programs funded through the grant include Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap operations.

"This grant will help increase public safety and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods by addressing alcohol-related concerns through effective programs," said ABC Director Joseph McCullough.

Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap programs each involve a minor under the supervision of a peace officer, called a minor decoy. The minor decoy goes to an ABC licensed business and attempts to purchase alcohol from a store clerk or receive it from a patron. If a clerk or patron furnishes alcohol to the minor they can be cited or arrested, and face fines and community service.

The grants strengthen local law enforcement efforts by combining the resources of local police officers and ABC agents. ABC agents have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws and can help communities reduce alcohol-related problems.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from OTS through NHTSA.



About the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is an agency of the government of the state of California charged with the regulation of alcoholic beverages. ABC's mission is to provide the highest level of service and public safety to the people of California through licensing, education, and enforcement. ABC is a department of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.



About the National City Police Department

In partnership with our community, the National City Police Department (NCPD) is committed to providing the highest level of service and public safety. We will pursue this commitment with an unwavering resolve while always respecting the rights and dignity of those we serve.

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