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San Leandro Police Department Receives the ABC Significant Achievement Award *Agency is recognized for grant project aimed at reducing alcohol-related crime*

ABC Director Ramona Prieto announced today that the San Leandro Police Department has been selected to receive the Significant Achievement Award from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) for their work in battling alcohol-related crime through the ABC Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

The grant that San Leandro Police was awarded resulted in 101 bar inspections, four Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs Programs (LEAD) trainings, 23 general enforcement operations, eight briefing trainings regarding ABC enforcement efforts that resulted in the training of 88 officers, eight San Leandro community meetings focused on preventing underage drinking and an underage drinking presentation on Twitter. They also conducted 11 Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol Crime Tendencies (IMPACT) Operations where 35 premises were visited. There were seven arrests and increased visits to ABC licensed businesses which has helped to build a stronger bond between citizens in the community and law enforcement.

ABC Director Ramona Prieto said “The San Leandro Police Department did important work increasing protection for youth, addressing concerns brought to them from the community and sending a message to problem locations that they need to do a better job of complying with alcoholic beverage laws”.

The grant was one of nearly 50 awarded in California to local law enforcement agencies through ABC’s Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

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

“The program improves the quality of life in neighborhoods,” said ABC Acting Director Ramona Prieto. “There can be a real positive impact on the communities where the grant program resources have been invested.”

The GAP Program was created in 1995 to strengthen partnerships between ABC and local law enforcement agencies. The program is designed to put bad operators out of business, keep alcohol away from minors and bring penalties such as fines, suspensions or revocations against businesses that violate the law.

The grant funds were used to reduce the number of alcoholic beverage sales to minors, obviously intoxicated patrons, illegal solicitations of alcohol, and other criminal activities such as the sale and possession of illegal drugs.

The GAP Program has distributed over \$46 million to local law enforcement to combat alcohol-related crime. For more information on GAP and other ABC programs visit <http://www.abc.ca.gov/>. ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.