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Santa Clara Police Department Receives the ABC Significant Achievement Award
Agency is recognized for grant project aimed at reducing alcohol-related harm

(Santa Clara) ABC Acting Director Ramona Prieto announced today that the Santa Clara 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 harm in the community through the ABC Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

The GAP grant resulted in 227 arrests, increased visits to ABC licensed businesses, and a stronger relationship between citizens in the community and law enforcement. The Santa Clara Police Department also conducted 23 Public Intoxication Saturation Patrols and 130 University related enforcement operations, well beyond the goals.

ABC Acting Director Prieto said “The Santa Clara Police Department did important work increasing protection for youth, addressing concerns brought to them from the community, and sending a message to reduce problem locations and increase compliance 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 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 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 increase compliance with alcoholic beverage laws.

ABC’s mission is to provide the highest level of service and public safety through licensing, education and enforcement. To learn more about ABC programs that help protect communities, prevent alcohol-related harm and potentially save lives visit https://www.abc.ca.gov/programs/programs_PE.html. ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

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