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SAN FERNANDO POLICE RECEIVE GRANT FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL OPERATIONS

SAN FERNANDO, CA – Police Chief Anthony Vairo is pleased to announce that the San Fernando Police Department (SFPD) has been awarded a \$62,402 grant from California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to battle alcohol-related crime.

“This is important to the City of San Fernando in order to increase protection for our youth and to address problem locations that contribute to increases in crime or create a public nuisance,” Chief Vairo said.

The grant is awarded to local law enforcement agencies throughout California as part of ABC’s Alcohol Policing Partnership Program.

The grant assists in strengthening the SFPD’s focus on alcohol-related crimes by combining the efforts of SFPD Officers with ABC agents. ABC agents have unique expertise in alcoholic beverage laws and can help SFPD to address and reduce alcohol-related problems.

“The program improves the quality of life in neighborhoods,” said ABC Director Jacob Appelsmith. “We’ve seen a real difference in the communities where the grant program resources have been invested.”

The Alcohol Policing Partnership 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.

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The funds will be used to reduce the number of alcoholic beverage sales to minors through continuing minor decoy and shoulder tap operations, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) saturation patrols, operations to reduce licensed businesses actions in serving or selling obviously intoxicated patrons, preventing illegal solicitations of alcohol, and other criminal activities such as the sale and possession of illegal drugs. The grant also provides for training and inspections of licensed sellers and operations during two specific holiday periods to address teenage parties, including their dispersal.

The Alcohol Policing Partnership Program has distributed over \$20 million to local law enforcement to combat alcohol-related crime.

ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

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