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## **CARELESS DRIVERS GET EXPENSIVE LESSON DURING POLICE CROSSWALK OPERATION**

As part of the City's Accident Reduction Campaign, the Garden Grove Police Department conducted a crosswalk operation on Friday, May 12, at Lemonwood Lane and Garden Grove Boulevard. The purpose of the operation was to educate drivers on the importance of yielding to pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks. The operation was funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

Drivers who did not yield the right of way to a Garden Grove police cadet crossing in a crosswalk, wearing a reflective safety vest, were ticketed. The crosswalk operation resulted in 131 citations issued.

Fluorescent signs at the crosswalk and 300 feet prior, give drivers advanced warning of the upcoming marked crosswalk.

Officer Kathy Anderson, a member of the Accident Reduction Team, stated, "This enforcement operation was conducted after National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April, where we saw a lot of drivers not paying attention to the road or their surroundings. We are out there with the primary purpose to help raise awareness and to prevent fatal accidents."

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The City's Accident Reduction Team, comprised of Garden Grove Police Department's motorcycle officers, is asking Garden Grove drivers to slow down and keep an eye out for pedestrians. The Accident Reduction Team reaches out to commuters through various media outlets, as well as through community meetings and presentations to educate the public on the dangers of not following traffic laws.

To view the live streaming of the crosswalk operation, search for #StayAlertGG and #SafeStreetsGG on Facebook or Instagram @GardenGroveCityHall.

For more information, contact the Garden Grove Police Department Community Liaison Division at (714) 741-5760.

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