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**DRIVERS IGNORING PEDESTRIANS GET
EXPENSIVE LESSON DURING POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
CROSSWALK OPERATION**

As part of the City's Accident Reduction Campaign, the Garden Grove Police Department conducted a crosswalk operation on Wednesday, October 26, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., 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.

Drivers who did not yield the right of way to a Garden Grove police cadet crossing the street, while wearing a reflective safety vest, were ticketed. The crosswalk operation resulted in 70 citations issued.

Police Chief Todd Elgin stated, "Pedestrians have the right of way at any crosswalk or intersection, and some drivers learned that lesson through the issuance of a citation. The Accident Reduction Team will conduct more operations to keep Garden Grove streets safe."

According to the Garden Grove Police Department, there have been four pedestrian incidents in the last 30 days, including a recent injury collision with a female in a marked crosswalk.

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The Accident Reduction Team, comprised of Garden Grove Police Department motorcycle officers, was organized as part of a City campaign to reduce traffic collisions, and to prevent fatal accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists. The Accident Reduction Team will reach out to commuters through various media outlets, as well as through presentations, and community meetings to educate the public on the dangers of not following traffic laws. The City's website, social media, and other mediums will be used to promote the campaign.

To view the live streaming of the crosswalk operation, visit the City's Facebook at www.facebook.com/gardengrovecityhall. For more information, visit www.garden-grove.org/stayalert or contact the Garden Grove Police Department Community Liaison Division at (714) 741-5760.

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