



# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT:** Speeding Education Campaign

**LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:** City of Garden Grove

**DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**NARRATIVE:**

## **Slow the Fast Down: Public Encouraged to Follow the Speed Limit** Statewide Speeding Campaign Will Run Nov. 16-29

Garden Grove, Calif. – A new statewide initiative encourages drivers to “slow the fast down” and understand the dangers of speeding.

The Garden Grove Police Department supports efforts by the California Office of Traffic Safety to address an emerging traffic safety issue: speeding.

“We are seeing changes in driving behavior, and the number of people traveling at excessive and extremely dangerous speeds is alarming,” Police Chief Tom DaRé said. “COVID-19 puts the value of protecting lives in perspective, and practicing safe driving is one simple way everyone can keep themselves and others safe.”

Excessive speeding went way up during the beginning of stay-at-home orders in March. Between March 19 and April 30, CHP officers issued 4,000 citations for speeding over 100 miles per hour, more than double (113%) from last year despite a steep decline in traffic volume.

“The road is not a racetrack,” Police Chief Tom DaRé said. “The freeway is not the Autobahn. Follow a safe, legal speed.”

Speeding remains one of the main causes of crashes: in federal fiscal year 2017-18, speed was a factor in approximately 31% of all fatal and injury crashes in California.

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