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## STEP Grant Boosts Traffic Enforcement

The El Paso Police Department is conducting a yearlong Selective Texas Enforcement Program (STEP), which began October 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through September 2021. STEP, a grant-funded program through the Texas Department of Transportation, focuses on traffic infractions such as seatbelt violations, driving while intoxicated, speed violations, distracted driving and intersection traffic control. All of which were found to be the top contributing factors in recent traffic fatalities. STEP will put an additional 20 officers on the streets on an overtime basis to enforce these, as well as, all traffic violations. This extra staffing is in addition to officers regularly assigned to enforce traffic. The goal of STEP is to reduce traffic collisions through enforcement.

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