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STEP Grant to Fund Extra Holiday Enforcement

The El Paso Police Department will be ramping up traffic enforcement this holiday season, thanks to a grant funded through the Texas Department of Transportation Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP aims to reduce collisions by focusing enforcement efforts in high-crash areas. Beginning December 20th through the second of January, additional officers will be working traffic enforcement on an overtime basis. Officers will be targeting all traffic violations, with a particular focus on Driving While Intoxicated offenses. During this period last year, over 150 DWI arrests were made by the EPPD and El Paso tragically saw 4 traffic fatalities.

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