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## STEP Grant Funds Increase Enforcement through Memorial Day Weekend

**EL PASO, Texas**—The El Paso Police Department will increase traffic enforcement from May 22 through May 25 in observance of Memorial Day weekend.

The enhanced enforcement is supported by the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant provided by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The initiative is aimed at reducing traffic crashes and preventing serious injuries and fatalities during one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

During this period, officers will focus on reducing dangerous traffic violations citywide, including:

- Driving while intoxicated (DWI)
- Speeding
- Distracted driving
- Seat belt violations
- Traffic control violations (red lights and stop signs)

As part of the department's participation in TxDOT's "Click It or Ticket" campaign, officers will enforce a zero-tolerance policy for seat belt violations. No warnings will be issued for seat belt violations during this campaign.

Officers will be highly visible at key locations throughout the city.

The El Paso Police Department remains committed to the safety of all residents and visitors and encourages everyone to prioritize safe driving practices this holiday weekend.



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