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SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE E-BIKE SAFETY EDUCATION

SEAL BEACH, CA – With electric bicycle (e-bike) ridership surging on local streets, trails, and neighborhood shortcuts, the Seal Beach Police Department (SBPD) today unveiled a new Community-Oriented Policing (COP) outreach effort to help riders stay safe and considerate on the road. Beginning this summer, COP Team Officers David Rael-Brook and Chris Fisher will provide free e-bike safety education, by request, to Seal Beach residents seeking more information on safe riding practices.

“E-bikes are transforming the way people get around Seal Beach,” said Chief of Police Michael Henderson. “They’re especially popular with our middle- and high-school students, who can zip around town in minutes. But that extra power means riders must think like drivers—knowing when to yield at a four-way stop, how to signal a lane change, and why a helmet is non-negotiable. Understanding the laws that govern e-bike use today will keep these young riders—and everyone who shares the road with them—safer tomorrow. Our goal is to equip every cyclist, young or old, with the practical skills, legal knowledge, and situational awareness they need to ride confidently and respectfully.”

Why E-Bike Education Matters

- **Rapid growth:** E-bikes are one of the fastest-growing forms of active transportation, popular with commuters, students, and recreational riders alike.
- **Higher speeds:** Many models can match city traffic, making visibility, braking distance, and lane positioning critical.
- **Mixed environments:** E-bikes share space with cars, traditional bicycles, and pedestrians; understanding local rules reduces conflict and crashes.

- **Battery considerations:** Proper charging and storage help prevent rare but serious battery-related fires.

What the COP Team Provides

The safety sessions—tailored to each audience—cover topics such as:

- Defensive riding techniques and best practices for sharing the roadway
- Local tips for navigating popular routes, school zones, and high-traffic areas
- Theft-prevention strategies such as proper locking and registration

Schedule a Class

There is no fixed schedule; appointments are set to suit community needs. To request more information, please contact:

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