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## **Seal Beach Police Department and California Highway Patrol Directed Traffic Enforcement Operation**

SEAL BEACH, CA — The Seal Beach Police Department and the Westminster Area of the California Highway Patrol joined together to conduct a directed traffic enforcement operation.

On Saturday, May 9, 2020, SBPD and CHP officers partnered to enforce the rules of the road on Pacific Coast Highway and other streets in Seal Beach. This operation was initiated after the Seal Beach Police Department received several complaints from residents about loud and modified exhaust, speeding vehicles, distracted drivers, and motorists who fail to yield to pedestrians.

During the traffic enforcement operation, a total of 65 citations were issued for excessive speed, loud exhaust, registration violations, stop sign violations, hands-free cell phone violations, unlicensed drivers and other traffic violations. The officers also issued several warnings and educated the public on safe driving practices.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that in 2017, speeding was a contributing factor in 26% of all traffic fatalities. In 2018, 2,841 people in the United States were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers.

“Diligent traffic enforcement is one of the best ways to reduce serious traffic accidents,” said Seal Beach Police Chief Philip Gonshak. “In order to keep our roadways safe, it is important that our officers contact motorists who drive dangerously and with little regard for the safety of others.”

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