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**Shasta County District Attorney's Office Awarded
Special DUI Prosecution Grant**

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Those arrested for DUI in Shasta County, especially repeat offenders and those involved in fatal or injury crashes, can expect to face highly trained, specialized prosecutors, thanks to a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety. The \$260,582.00 grant to the Shasta County District Attorney's Office will fund a Vertical Prosecution team that will work cases from arrest through sentencing.

Shasta County District Attorney Stephen Carlton remarked, "The prosecution of drivers operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol has been and will continue to be a top priority of the Shasta County District Attorney's Office."

Funding from this DUI Prosecution Grant will aid the Shasta County District Attorney's Office in handling cases throughout each step of the criminal process, prosecuting both alcohol and drug-impaired driving cases. In fatal and major injury DUI vehicle collisions, members of the team may respond to the crash scene to be part of the investigation.

Prosecution team members will work with the State's Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program to expand knowledge and resources in the office by obtaining and delivering specialized training, including training in the emerging problem of drug-impaired driving. Team members will share information with peers and law enforcement personnel throughout the county and across the state.

The purpose of the program is to prevent impaired driving and reduce alcohol and drug-impaired traffic fatalities and injuries. In 2012 there were 12 deaths and 120 serious injuries as a result of DUI crashes in the Shasta County

“California’s roadways are still among the safest in the nation,” said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. “But to meet future mobility, safety, and sustainability objectives, we must create safer roadways for all users. The Shasta County District Attorney’s Office will be using these and other resources to reach the vision we all share – *Toward zero deaths, every 1 counts.*”

Funding for the program comes from a grant by the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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