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SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT:

San Bernardino police officers conducted a traffic enforcement detail this morning in an attempt to bring awareness to the importance of seat belt usage and distracted driving. Four of our police officers stood on freeway off-ramps (I-210 at Waterman Ave and I-210 at Arden) in civilian clothing holding signs stating that they were officers looking for seat belt and cell phone violations. When these officers saw motorists on the off-ramp within feet of them not wearing a seat belt or clearly talking or texting on their cell phones, nearby uniformed motorcycle officers were notified so that they could contact the drivers reference to these traffic violations.

During this detail 50 vehicles were stopped, 33 citations were issued for cell phone violations, 15 were issued to drivers not wearing their seat belt and five vehicles were impounded because the driver was found to either be unlicensed or driving on a suspended drivers license.

The San Bernardino Police Department wants to remind everyone of the importance of wearing your seatbelt. It's not only the law but can save your life in the event of a traffic collision. It's also important to realize that texting or talking on your cell phone while driving is dangerous. During this detail, our undercover officers walked up to the windows of many vehicles unnoticed by the drivers that were either talking or texting on their cell phones. Those calls and messages can wait until you arrive at your destination and are not worth risking the life of yourself or those around you while driving.

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