

CHP to go after aggressive drivers

The California Highway Patrol will deploy additional officers on Highway 50 from South Lake Tahoe, Placerville, and Sacramento offices March 14-16 in effort to reduce the number of fatal and injury traffic collisions attributed to aggressive driving, unsafe speed, unsafe passing, improper turning movements along with other moving violations.

The CHP is using a federally-funded grant titled Reduce Aggressive Driving Incidents and Tactically Enforce Speed (RADIATES) to pay for the extra patrol.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines aggressive driving as “when individuals commit a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other persons or property.”

Data from the CHP show that from January 2010 through May 2013 (the most recent figures available) there were 2,008 collisions as a result of various speed violations on Highway 50 from South Lake Tahoe west through south Sacramento. Those collisions resulted in five deaths and 968 injuries.