



TRAFFIC SAFETY CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

# **USING SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC SAFETY IN YOUR** COMMUNITY

#### Monday, September 16, 2024 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



# AGENDA

01 WELCOME 02 TRAFFIC SAFETY CHAMPION PROGRAM UPDATES 03 OTS TRAFFIC SAFETY CHAMPIONS PRESENTATIONS 04 **QUESTION & ANSWER** 05 NEXT STEPS





### **BE A** TRAFFIC SAFETY CHAMPION.



#### JOIN THE COSAFE MOVEM

# WELCOME



## TRAFFIC SAFETY **CHAMPION** UPDATES



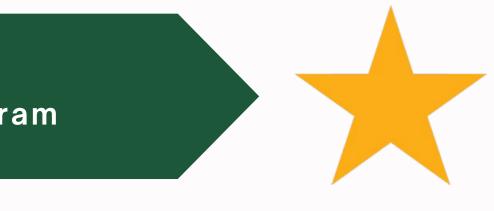
Traffic Safety Champion Program

New California Data



Safe System Approach Messaging

Traffic Safety Champion Website





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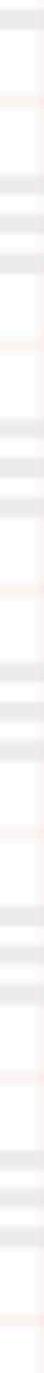


#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

# TRAFFIC SAFETY CHAMPION WEBINAR

**September 16, 2024** 







- Tamrin Olden
  - 22 years of experience
  - Owner of TOC PR 8yrs
  - 16yrs at Chino
  - Full-service PR firm for

# INTRODUCTION





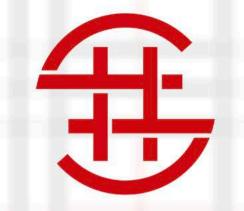
# **H** TAMRIN'S TSC TIPS - GOALS

#### Increase reach

#### Enhance community engagement

**Educate and advocate** 





# TIP #1: STORYTELLING

#### **Personal experiences**

Impact

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Vulnerable



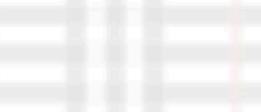
# 我 TIP #2: USE TRUSTED SOURCES

#### Go to the source

Be patient

Trust, but verify









# **爭TIP #3: ADVOCATE & EDUCATE**

#### Avoid gossip and complaining; promote positivity

Think awareness

#### **Incorporate tips and info**

Safety culture



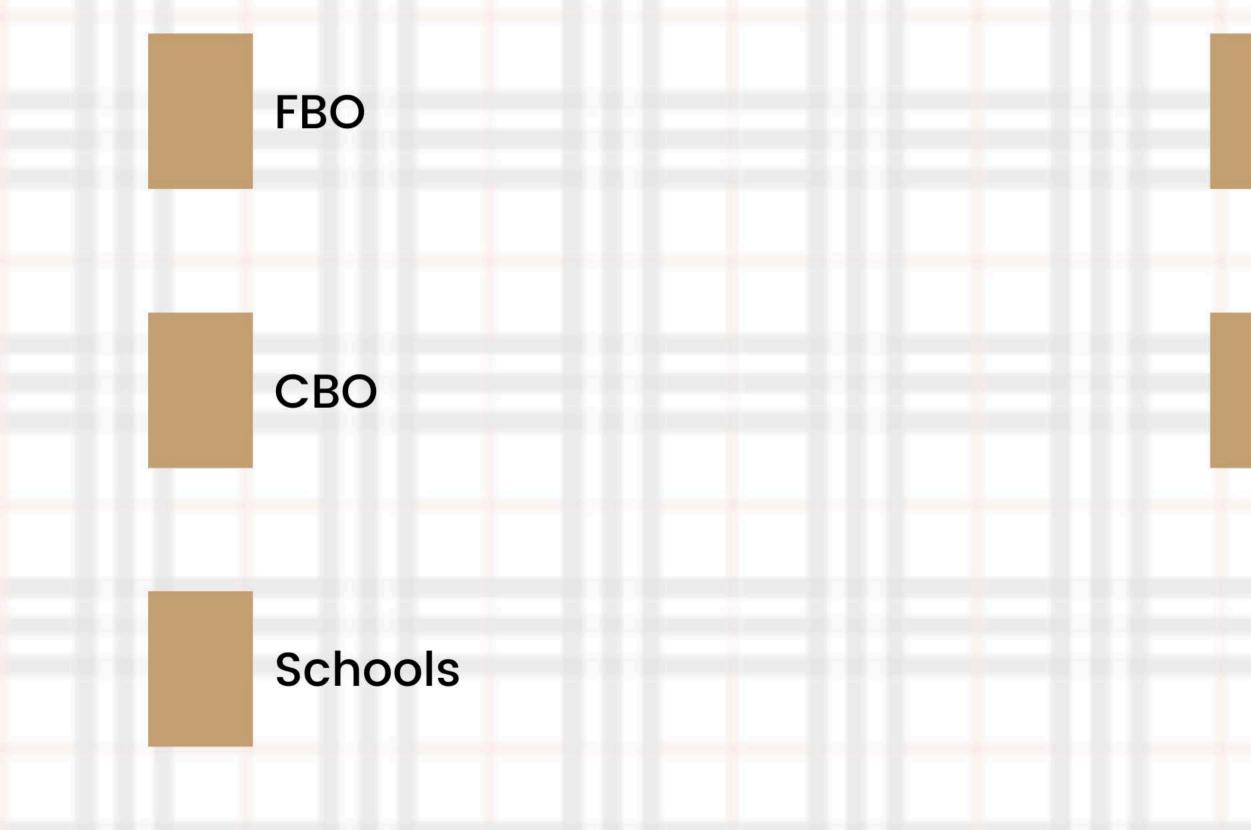
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#### **On others content**

On your content

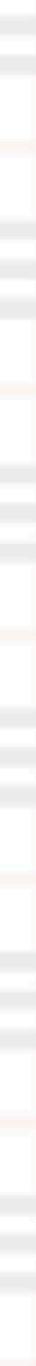
#### **Engaging content**





Public safety/government

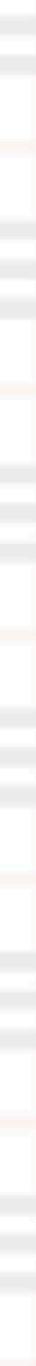
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# GLENDALE POLICE



#### **Using Social Media for Traffic Safety**

#### Kevork Kurdoghlian Glendale Police Department



#### Part 1 Context



## Kevork Kurdoghlian

- Communications Manager at Glendale PD for 1 year
- Former local news reporter and local government communications consultant
- Studied Political Science at UCLA and Public Administration at USC
- Social media for me started in 2007 with a Myspace page
- Passionate about information and the impact traffic has on the quality of life





## **Glendale Police Department**

- 250 sworn officers, including 3 traffic cars, 2 traffic sergeants, 1 traffic lieutenant, 15 motor officers and one traffic detective
- Through OTS grants in 2023, Glendale PD wrote 595 traffic citations and 589 speed citations, made 33 arrests, and held 4 DUI checkpoints, 15 DUI saturation patrols, and 4 Start Smart Teen Driving Safety Courses.

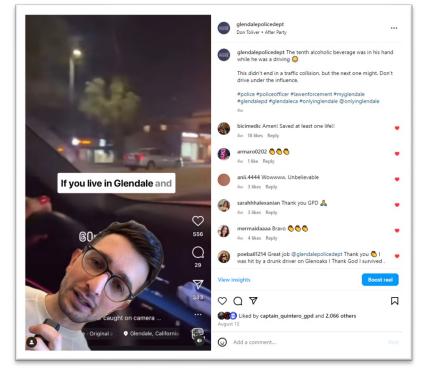






## Glendale Police + Social Media

- Glendale PD primarily focuses on creating content for Instagram
- The Department also use Facebook, X, Threads and TikTok to varying degrees
- Other important channels are Nextdoor and Neighbors (Ring)





## **Glendale + Traffic**

#### LOS ANGELES

#### Report: Glendale Drivers Among The Worst In The Nation

Top Concerns	Go to Feed
56%) Streets and Traffic	↑ 4%
13% Theft, Burglary and Break Ins	↓ 2%



#### Walker's Paradise Daily errands do not require a car.



#### **Good Transit** Many nearby public transportation options.



#### Bikeable

Some bike infrastructure.

Crash Category	VICTIMS KILLED	& INJURED	OTS RANKING
Total Fatal and Injury	597		47/60
Alcohol Involved	53		52/60
Had Been Drinking Driver < 21	2		48/60
Had Been Drinking Driver 21 – 34	16		58/60
Motorcycles	24		53/60
Pedestrians	91		5/60
Pedestrians < 15	6		15/60
Pedestrians 65+	30		1/60
Bicycle	21		44/60
Bicyclist < 15	2		50/60
Composite	229		56/60
Crash Category	FATAL & INJURY	CRASHES	OTS RANKING
Speed Related	66		52/60
Nighttime (9:00pm – 2:59am)	50		51/60
Hit and Run	42 ARRESTS OTS		38/60
TYPE OF ARRESTS			ARRESTS OTS RANKING*
DUI Arrests	327	35/60	



### Glendale + Traffic + Social Media

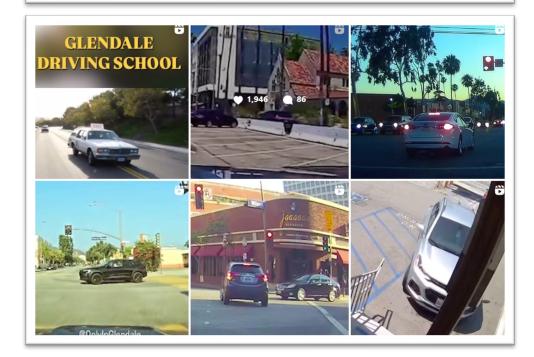




250 posts 45.5K followers 304 following

Glendale's Best Drivers Showcasing only the very best drivers of Glendale, CA! Submit yours today!

Followed by robertwilliam\_gpd, chiefcid\_gpd + 9 more





#### Part 2 How the Glendale Police Department Use Social Media to Motivate People to Prioritize Traffic Safety



## Building Community (Relations)

- Community building, or community relations, on social media requires creating content that:
  - Reaches as many people as possible in your target audience
  - Grows your audience on social media
  - Allows your audience to connect with each other through your content





### Part 3 What You Can Do to Engage With and Promote Content on Social Media Related to Traffic Safety



## **Cooperation (Championship Team)**

- Look for community partners who share the common goal of traffic safety
- The team you build in real life will be the driving force behind your social media presence
- Don't partner with trolls.





## **Content (Industriousness)**

- Content collection, consumption, engagement, editing, publishing, projecting – takes time.
- Consistency (on your own terms) is key.
   Examine your capacity and proceed accordingly.
- Catalogue then leverage existing (partner)

resources.







### Creativity (Inspiration + Enthusiasm)

- Create a feeling
- Find creators who produce content you would feel comfortable applying to traffic safety
- Communicate your "why"
- Orient toward solutions and solving people's problems





### Part 4 How is Glendale PD encouraging a safety culture within the city through social media?



## Social Media for a Safety Culture

- Reinforcing traffic enforcement
  - Visibility is a crime deterrent
- Meeting the conversation where it is (when appropriate)
  - Contextualize, not sensationalize
  - Civility, not snarky
  - Unite, not fight
- Move the conversation off social media (when

#### appropriate)

- Traffic Townhall Meeting







### Thank you for listening! kkurdoghlian@glendaleca.gov (818) 548-3140











#### **WEBINARS**





#### **STAY CONNECTED**



# THANK YOU!

Please look for a follow-up survey to this webinar. We value your feedback and are open to any ideas or suggestions for future meetings.



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