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**Subject: Rocklin Police Department Awarded Grant to Combat Illegal Tobacco Use**

[The City of Rocklin was recently awarded State grant funding in the amount of \$200,680 from the California Department of Justice. The purpose of the grant is to assist law enforcement in combating the illegal sale of cigarettes, vapor inhalation devices and other tobacco related products to minors. Funding for this grant is made possible as a result of Proposition 56, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016, which raised the cigarette tax by \$2 per pack.

The Rocklin Police Department intends to utilize this funding to aid in compliance operations, youth outreach, tobacco retail license inspections, training, and in partnership with the Rocklin Unified School District to significantly reduce underage use of tobacco products through education and enforcement.

The Rocklin Police Department looks forward to working with community partners with the goal of promoting legal compliance within the City.

Police Chief Chad Butler says “We are pleased and honored to be chosen for this significant award from the California Department of Justice. Doing what is right for kids in our community is, of course, a top priority, and this grant will surely help us work towards that goal.”