



Canyon Lake Sheriff



Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant

Friday, December 8, 2023, 8:00PM – 2:00AM

- 33 - Traffic Stops (10 Golf Carts)
- 33 - Field Sobriety Tests
- 4 - Drivers Arrested for Driving Under the Influence (Zero Golf Carts)
- 23 Citations issued
- 4 - Vehicles impounded (Zero Golf Carts)

OTS Grant Purpose

What is the OTS Grant Mission?

Effectively administer traffic safety grants that deliver innovative programs and eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries on California roadways.

Priority Program Areas:

Alcohol Impaired Driving
Distracted Driving
Drug-Impaired Driving
Motorcycle Safety
Occupant Protection
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
Police Traffic Services

Why did we need a grant?

- Traffic related concerns from the Council and Community
- Increase Overall Community Safety through Enforcement & Education
- City of Canyon Lake pays for 24 hours per day of Police Services
 - Canyon Lake does not have a full-time traffic team
 - Only 1 Deputy is on at a time to service the entire community
- Increase High Visibility Enforcement to reduce:
 - Vehicle accidents
 - Impaired and Distracted driving

2023 YTD Stats

- DUI's:
 - 12 In the City of Canyon Lake, 6 on Railroad Canyon
 - 58 Calls reporting possible DUI Drivers
- Traffic Collisions
 - 12 on Railroad Canyon
 - 1 Fatal, 3 Injury and 2 related to DUI
 - 25 Collisions outside of Railroad Canyon
 - 1 Fatal, 17 Injury, 5 Misdemeanor DUI, 1 Felony DUI
 - (6 Golf Cart Collisions, 5 of which were DUI)

OTS Grant Info

- The Current OTS Grant is good through 09/30/24.
- We will have at least 3 more saturations and one DUI Checkpoint between now and then.
- Only DUI Checkpoints must be posted in advance.
- No notice is required for saturation patrols .
- The OTS Grant has the potential to renew annually and has to be applied for yearly.

Driving Under the Influence

23152 California Vehicle Code

- (a) It is unlawful for a person who is under the influence of any alcoholic beverage to drive a vehicle.
- (b) It is unlawful for a person who has 0.08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his or her blood to drive a vehicle.
- (c) It is unlawful for a person who is addicted to the use of any drug to drive a vehicle.
- (f) It is unlawful for a person who is under the influence of any drug to drive a vehicle.
- (g) It is unlawful for a person who is under the combined influence of any alcoholic beverage and drug to drive a vehicle.
- A “vehicle” is a device by which any person or property may be propelled, moved, or drawn upon a highway, excepting a device moved exclusively by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.
- Yes, You can get a DUI while operating a golf cart and an E-bike.....

What is a Golf Cart?

California Vehicle Code 345.

A “golf cart” is a motor vehicle having not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, having an unladen weight less than 1,300 pounds, which is designed to be and is operated at not more than 15 miles per hour and designed to carry golf equipment and not more than **two persons**, including the driver.



What is a LSV or NEV?

California Vehicle Code 385.5.

(a) A “low-speed vehicle” is a motor vehicle that meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Has four wheels.

(2) Can attain a speed, in one mile, of more than 20 miles per hour and not more than 25 miles per hour, on a paved level surface.

(3) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 3,000 pounds.

(b) (1) For the purposes of this section, a “low-speed vehicle” is not a golf cart, except when operated pursuant to Section 21115 or 21115.1.

(2) A “low-speed vehicle” is also known as a “neighborhood electric vehicle.”

California considers your LSV a motor vehicle. They are street-legal and come with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and a title.

- You must have a California Driver’s License or a learner’s permit to drive an LSV on public roads.
- You must have auto insurance to drive an LSV on public roads.
- Your LSV will have a California license plate.

LSV or NEV Continued

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ([NHTSA](#)) also requires that several features be found on all Neighborhood Electric Vehicles:

- Headlamps
- Front and Rear Turn Signal Lamps
- Taillamps
- Stop lamps
- Red reflex reflectors on each side and on rear
- Driver's side mirror and passenger side mirror
- Parking Brake
- Windshield
- Seat Belts



Golf Cart, NEV, or LSV?



Canyon Lake City Ordinance

CL City Ordinance:

12.08.010 Golf cart crossing zone.

It shall be lawful for golf carts to be operated across Railroad Canyon Road at Canyon Lake Drive South in response to the traffic signals at such intersection in the same manner as regular pedestrian traffic in the area is designated for such crossing. This Section imposes no registration, licensing or equipment requirements on golf carts except for lights required by Vehicle Code Section 24001.5 for operation during the hours of darkness.

12.08.020 Golf cart otherwise prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to operate a golf cart on Railroad Canyon Road within the City including crossing Railroad Canyon Road, except as set out in Section 12.08.010 of this Code.

12.08.030 Signs and markers.

The City Engineer is directed to cause to be erected and installed the signs, markers and push-button actuators prepared in accordance with engineering practice on a plan signed by a licensed civil engineer. The installation will regulate the golf cart crossings of Railroad Canyon Road, at the intersection, by requiring golf cart operators to press the signal actuation button and to comply with the pedestrian signal head indication for crossing of the roadway.

Questions?



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