



## *National City Police Department*

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# *NEWS ADVISORY*

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### **The National City Police Department Encourages Everyone to Make Bicycle Safety a Top Priority**

*May is National Bicycle Safety Month*

National City, Calif. — The National City Police Department and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) are encouraging drivers and bicycle riders to look out for one another during National Bicycle Safety Month.

Unfortunately, deaths in bicycle related crashes are on the rise. In 2016, 138 bicycle riders were killed on California roads, a nearly 25 percent increase from 2011. Among the primary factors in these crashes were failing to yield right of way, speeding, improper turning, using the wrong side of the road and not following traffic signs or signals.

The National City Police Department Traffic Division will be attending a bicycle rodeo at Lincoln Acres Elementary School on 05/09/19 at 2:00 PM.

The National City Police Department offers a few tips to ensure the safety of everyone on the road:

- Drivers should look behind them before making a turn at an intersection, especially if crossing into a designated bike lane.
- Drivers should use extra caution backing up or leaving a parking space.
- Bicyclists should go with the flow of traffic and let faster traffic pass.
- Bicyclists should make themselves visible and wear brightly colored clothing.
- Bicyclists are advised to use lights from dusk to dawn (front white light and rear red flashing light or reflectors).
- Bicyclists should always wear a helmet and use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Both drivers and bicyclists should avoid distractions like using their cell phone.

To learn more about safe ways to get around visit [gosafelyca.org](http://gosafelyca.org).

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**MEDIA NOTES:** To schedule an interview regarding the National City Police Department Traffic Safety Operations, please contact **Sergeant Matt Smith** at **(619) 336-4438** or via email at [msmith@nationalcityca.gov](mailto:msmith@nationalcityca.gov)

