



# BREA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Press Release

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### Injury Traffic Collision Involving E-Bike

Brea, Calif. – On Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 2:15 PM, Brea Police Officers responded to reports of an injury collision involving an e-bike on State College near Avocado. Arriving officers found good Samaritans providing medical aid to two individuals who were suffering from significant injuries.

A preliminary investigation determined that both individuals were on a single person e-bike riding south on the west sidewalk of State College from Lambert at a high rate of speed when their handlebar clipped a tree, causing them to go out of control and strike a brick wall. Neither were wearing a helmet. The rider suffered significant, life-threatening injuries. The passenger also suffered major injuries. Both were taken to a local trauma center for treatment.

Officers learned that both injured parties were students at Brea Canyon High School. The Brea Police Department and Brea Olinda Unified School District extend their thoughts and support to the family and friends of the injured and are grateful for the passers-by who stopped to render aid. Brea Olinda Unified School District counselors and staff will be offering support to the students and their families as they recover from their injuries.

This incident highlights the dangers of e-bike collisions and the importance of safe riding practices, such as riding in designated areas and wearing helmets. The safety of our community is of utmost importance. As such, the City of Brea recently enacted an ordinance, Brea Municipal Code 10.46.030, which prohibits riding e-bikes on sidewalks, prohibits riding in an unsafe manner, and prohibits carrying passengers on e-bikes designed for single riders.

The Brea Police Department Traffic Unit is investigating this collision. Anyone with information about this incident should contact Traffic Corporal Anthony Nguyen at (714) 990-7640 or [anguyen@cityofbrea.net](mailto:anguyen@cityofbrea.net).

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