



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4942

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Street Racing in Chico

NARRATIVE:

The Chico Police Department wishes to remind the public that street racing is illegal in California and provides a significant safety risk to the participants, spectators, and the public.

The Chico Police Department is receiving complaints about groups meeting to engage in vehicle speed contests and reckless driving. This issue was also identified by citizens and business owners at a recent Community Safety Meeting. These speed contests are often accompanied other crimes such as vehicle theft, trespassing, thefts, vandalism, intoxicated driving, littering, illegal vehicle modifications, curfew violations, noise complaints, and other public offences.

If caught engaging in street racing, the participants may be issued a citation and/or arrested, have their driver's license suspended, and the vehicles may be impounded for up to 30 days.

The public is encouraged to contact the Chico Police Department immediately if a group participating in street racing is observed. The Chico Police Dispatch line is 530-895-4911.