



Huntington Beach Police Department

eBike Update Report

April 21, 2026

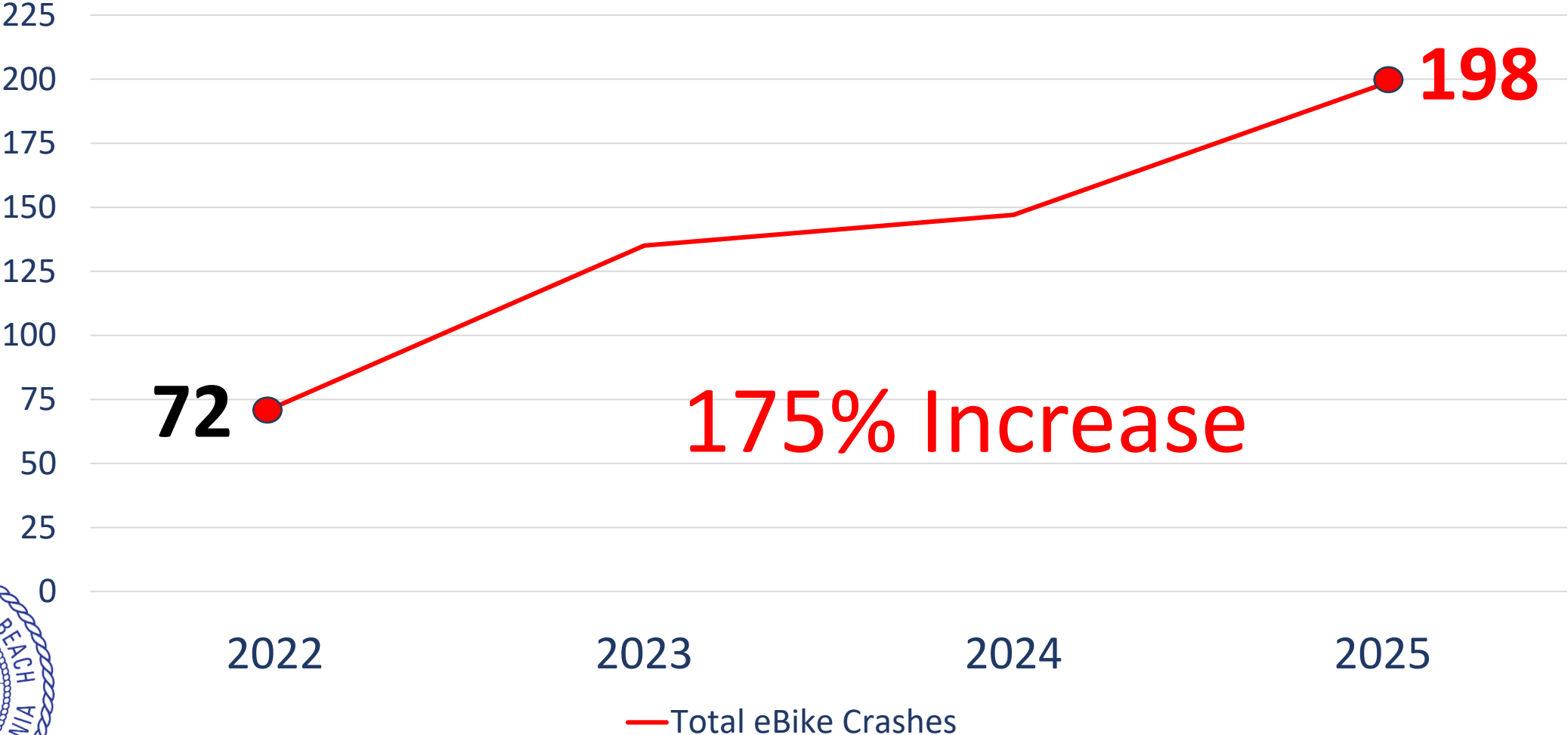
Sergeant Mike Thomas

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TOTAL eBike CRASHES (2022-25)



eBIKE CRASH OVERVIEW

- **Youth riders (Under 18) were at-fault in 67 of 141 eBike collisions involving a violation (48%).**
- **11–14-year-olds had more at-fault crashes than 15–17-year-olds (44 vs. 23).**
- **Riding on the Wrong Side of the Road (24 of 67 collisions – 36%) was the top crash factor (U18).**
- **The eBike rider was not at fault in 57 of 198 collisions (29%)**



TOP REASONS FOR CRASHES

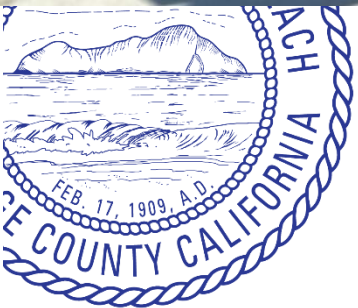
Top 3 Reasons for Crashes:

- **Unsafe Speed (speeding)** is the leading cause of collisions overall
- **Unsafe turning** is a major contributing factor across all age groups
- **Wrong side of the road** is the **#1 cause for riders under 18**



Emphasizes need for hands-on training (turning, rules of the road, speed control)

STRATEGY



ENFORCEMENT

EDUCATION

ESTABLISHED R.I.T.E.

Rider Instruction, Training, & Enforcement (RITE)





ENFORCEMENT

- Directed Enforcement Operations Conducted: **11**
- Citations Issued Department-wide: **78**



2026 YTD





ENFORCEMENT



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Off-Highway E-Motorcycles Are NOT Street Legal

Between September and November 2025, Huntington Beach Police officers responded to three separate enforcement incidents involving the same Talaria Sting MX-4 e-motorcycle, operated by two minor brothers on public roadways.

In every incident, the vehicle was confirmed to be an off-highway e-motorcycle, NOT a legal e-bike under California Vehicle Code §312.5. These vehicles are not designed, equipped, or permitted for street use, yet they were repeatedly operated on city streets, posing a serious danger to riders and everyone around them.

First case in OC prosecuting a parent for child endangerment

Total Pursuits (2025)

06

Total Impounds (2025)

11



CONTINUING EDUCATION / OUTREACH

- Formal Riding Training Program
- Youth Diversion Program
- Mandatory Student eBike Rider Training (District-wide)
- Statewide Leader in Law Enforcement (POST Course)
 - *28 LE Agencies / 75 LE Officers Trained*



OFFICER TRAINING LEADER



EDUCATION IMPACT



TOTAL KIDS/PARENTS
TRAINED:

737

(Since 5/17/25)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 25, 2026** – Rider Training Course (*Sports Complex*)
- **May 15, 2026** – California Electric Device Safety Symposium (*Senior Center*)
- **June 16-20, 2026** – Law Enforcement Training Course (*Central Library / Sport Complex*)





QUESTIONS?