

DCA awards PRAC road safety grants

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Southern New Jersey — The 3rd District's Democratic legislative team announced on Thursday that the state Department of Community Affairs has awarded two grants to the Puerto Rican Action Committee of Southern New Jersey (PRAC) aiming to make our roadways safer.

PRAC will receive \$40,000 from the Hispanic Child Highway Safety Program to provide awareness on seat-belt safety for infants, youth and adults, according to a press release issued by Sen. Steve Sweeney and Assemblymen John Burzichelli and Doug Fisher.

The second grant, in the amount of \$36,550, comes from the Impaired Driving Prevention Program. The funding will be used to support outreach efforts to Hispanic drivers, ages 16 through 20.

"There are a number of factors that impact our driving responses such as road rage, the use of cell phones and driving under the influence," Fisher, the Assembly deputy majority whip, said. "Educating our young people on the potential dangers and hazards of driving will undoubtedly save lives."