



ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

"BUY BACK SAFETY" E-BIKE AND E-MOTO BUY BACK EVENT

The California District Attorney Cracking Down on the Scourge of E-Bikes

The Wall Street Journal

September 24

<https://www.wsj.com/us-news/the-california-district-attorney-cracking-down-on-the-scourge-of-e-bikes-a5dbaff5?st=vWwEhc&reflink=desktopwebshare> [permalink](#)

The first visitor arrived at Angel Stadium at midnight. By daybreak, a line snaked out of the parking lot like fans waiting for a World Series game. Modeled on a traditional gun buyback, the Sept. 13 event was believed to be the first of its kind: an e-bike buyback, organized by Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer to purge the powerful machines officials blame for an epidemic of accidents. "We are destroying these bikes," Spitzer announced to cheers. "They're going to be crushed!"

Orange County DA's Office hosting first e-bike buyback program on Sunday

CBS News

September 12

<https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/orange-county-e-bike-buyback-program/>

Citing a crash that left a young man on life support with a severe traumatic brain injury, the Orange County District Attorney's Office is holding an e-bike and e-moto buyback event on Sunday that could put up to \$1000 worth of gift cards in residents' pockets. According to the DA's Office, the event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Angel Stadium. The event is an effort to reduce injuries and deaths from e-bike and e-moto collisions, the office said.

Amid injury wave, Orange County pays to take e-bikes off the streets

SFGATE

September 13

<https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/oc-e-bike-buyback-22426392.php>

Orange County has been leading the state (and in some ways the nation) with its aggressive stance against unsafe electric bicycle and electric motorcycle use lately. Citing a spike in injuries and at least one pedestrian death, officials in the politically and economically mixed coastal Southern California county have vowed to crack down on young riders who unsafely operate the often fast-moving two-wheeled vehicles — and, in some instances, to arrest their parents, too.



Hundreds head to Angels Stadium for Orange County e-bike buyback event

CBS LA

September 13

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDJ7IPvhSsl>

Zach Boetto reports from Angel Stadium in Anaheim, where hundreds of people arrived Sunday afternoon for Orange County's e-bike buyback event.

Orange County holds first e-bike buyback amid surge in injuries

WUSA 9

September 14

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VK-5ldGm3xM>

Residents could surrender electric bikes, scooters and motorcycles for \$200 to \$1,000 in gift cards at Angel Stadium.

Electric bike and motorcycle exchange held in southern California

CBS Chicago

September 14

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUHMC1zVofc>

Hundreds of people showed up at Angel's Stadium in Orange County over the weekend. They traded in their electric bikes and motorcycles in exchange for gift cards worth up to \$1,000.

E-bike buyback events brings out hundreds in California

CBS Texas

September 14

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jY4oBXidVX4>

A first-of-its-kind buyback event in Southern California after a string of tragedies involving e-bikes and e-motorcycles.

'Close to 1,000' vehicles surrendered at Orange County e-bike buyback event

KTLA 5

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxx3SxBO_PQ

Nearly 1,000 vehicles, including e-bikes and e-motorcycles, were surrendered at a buyback event in Orange County on Sunday. (Sept. 14, 2026)

**Orange County's first e-bike buyback event draws huge crowd, hundreds of vehicles**

OC Register

September 14

<https://www.ocregister.com/2026/09/13/orange-countys-first-e-bike-buyback-event-draws-huge-crowd-hundreds-of-vehicles/#>

Jesse Hayes, 20, spent three months on life support after being struck by a car while riding his e-bike. Nearly two years later, he said he still struggles to play the guitar and walks with a knee brace to prevent hyperextension. On Sunday morning, Hayes was the first among hundreds of people to turn in their electric vehicles at a buyback event at Angel Stadium. Accompanied by his family, Hayes said he wants to share his story so that other young people can be aware of the dangers of e-bike riding. "I want people to know these crashes happen a lot more than most people think, and how horrible they are," Hayes said.

'Close to 1,000' vehicles surrendered at Orange County e-bike buyback event

KTLA

September 14

<https://ktla.com/news/orange-county/close-to-1000-vehicles-surrendered-at-orange-county-e-bike-buyback-event/>

Nearly 1,000 vehicles, including e-bikes and e-motorcycles, were surrendered at a buyback event in Orange County on Sunday. A spokesperson with the Orange County District Attorney's Office told KTLA on Monday morning that officials were still counting, but she believed the number of e-bikes surrendered was "close to 1,000." "We had nine full truckloads of 26-foot U-Haul trucks," the spokesperson said.

OC District Attorney's office first hosts e-bike buyback to address safety concerns

Daily Titan

September 14

https://dailytitan.com/news/oc-district-attorneys-office-first-hosts-e-bike-buyback-to-address-safety-concerns/article_282008c3-c118-437d-8138-2bca13c721fd.html

The Orange County District Attorney's Office held its first e-bike and e-motorcycle buyback event on Sunday at Angel Stadium as officials work to address safety concerns involving electric vehicles countywide. The event allowed residents to turn in unwanted or unused e-bikes, e-motorcycles, pocket bikes and e-scooters in exchange for gift cards ranging from \$200 to \$1,000, depending on the vehicle. The first 75 participants to turn in their vehicles also received two tickets to a Los Angeles Angels baseball game.



Nearly 1,000 E-Bikes Surrendered in California Buyback

Government Technology

September 15

<https://www.govtech.com/transportation/nearly-1-000-e-bikes-surrendered-in-california-buyback>

Nearly 1,000 e-bikes, e-motorcycles, e-scooters and pocket bikes — enough to fill nine 26-foot U-Haul trucks — were turned in Sunday at Orange County's first buyback for electric vehicles, according to the OC District Attorney's Office. Similar to a gun buyback program, participants exchanged vehicles for gift cards ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 from Target, Walmart and Dick's Sporting Goods. All \$110,000 worth of gift cards — bought with funds collected from criminal enterprises and earmarked for crime prevention efforts — were handed out just two hours after the event started at Angel Stadium, District Attorney Todd Spitzer said Monday.

Southern California E Bike Safety Concerns Grow as Nearly 1,000 Vehicles Are Surrendered

Parriva

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<https://www.parriva.com/orange-county-e-bike-buyback-safety/>

The Orange County District Attorney's Office said the vehicles filled nine 26-foot U-Haul trucks. Officials had offered gift cards ranging from \$200 to \$1,000, depending on the vehicle, along with Angels tickets for some participants. Even after the gift cards ran out, people continued surrendering vehicles. Orange County District Attorney's Office. The turnout comes as California sees a sharp increase in reported e-bike injury collisions, including serious injuries among young riders. But the size of the Orange County buyback does not answer the bigger question: Will taking electric bikes off the streets actually make Southern California roads safer?

A California County Just Paid People \$1,000 to Say Bye to Their E-Bikes

Guessing Headlights

September 16

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/us/articles/california-county-just-paid-people-124140529.html>

Some Californians were just offered tempting incentives to give up their e-bikes. On Sep. 13, the Orange County District Attorney's (OCDA) Office hosted the E-Bike and E-Moto Buy Back Program at Angel Stadium, according to the OCDA's Office. Attendees could surrender their e-bikes, e-scooters, e-motos, pocket bikes, or homemade miniature motorized bikes.

**What parents should know about e-bikes and youth safety in Orange County**

OCDE Newsroom

September 22

<https://newsroom.ocde.us/what-parents-should-know-about-e-bikes-and-youth-safety-in-orange-county/>

E-bikes have become a familiar sight around Orange County schools and neighborhoods. But not every two-wheeler with a battery is the same, and understanding those differences can be an important first step toward keeping young riders safe. That message is central to the E-Bike Injury Prevention Collaborative, launched in 2024 and jointly hosted by the Orange County Department of Education and Orange County Health Care Agency. The countywide effort brings together hospitals, law enforcement, schools and other community partners around education, injury prevention and coordinated action.

The OCDA bought back hundreds of illegal e-motos at the Angel Stadium

New Santa Ana

September 23

https://newsantaana.com/the-ocda-bought-back-hundreds-of-illegal-e-motos-at-the-angel-stadium/#google_vignette

The Orange County District Attorney's Office held its latest E-Bike and E-Moto Buy Back event at Angel Stadium, continuing a countywide push to remove illegal electric motorcycles and dangerously modified e-bikes from circulation. The program is part of a broader enforcement strategy targeting unsafe youth riding, illegal vehicle modifications, and rising fatal collisions across Orange County.

Education, Buybacks, Infrastructure: Can OC Curb E-bike Deaths and Injuries?

Voice of OC

September 23

<https://voiceofoc.org/2026/09/education-buybacks-infrastructure-can-oc-curb-e-bike-deaths-and-injuries/>

While deaths, injuries and felonies related to e-bikes continue rising, a debate persists over how to best curb the worsening trend throughout Orange County. Some say education and enforcement is key. Others say infrastructure overhauls are also needed.



Orange County Paid People To Get Rid Of Legal E-Bikes. But Why?

RideApart

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<https://www.rideapart.com/features/809024/orange-county-ebike-buy-back-but-why/>

Orange County has an e-bike problem. Or maybe it has an electric motorcycle problem. Or perhaps it has a rider education problem. Depending on which machine, crash, law, or angry neighborhood Facebook post we're talking about, those can be very different things. Yet Orange County's latest attempt to make its streets safer has come up with an impressively simple solution: pay people to hand over their electric two-wheelers, then shred them.