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Chatham County Police Department Awarded $49,330 Grant Designed to Reduce Speeding and DUI Incidents

Chatham County, GA (November 1, 2018) – The Chatham County Police Department has been awarded a Highway Safety High Visibility Enforcement Grant totaling $49,330.00 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) in Atlanta.

The grant is designed for help the Chatham County Police Department reduce highway safety incidents such as crashes, injuries and fatalities throughout the jurisdiction. Chatham County Police will focus on reducing speed and DUI incidents.

The grant will be used to purchase LIDAR speed detectors, devices to measure blood alcohol in the field, a Breathalyzer machine, a SMART sign, and window tint meters. The equipment will help patrol officers proactively spot problems and take the appropriate action.

The SMART sign will play a large role in that proactive approach. Not only will it remind drivers about their speed, it will also collect data that police can use to pinpoint problem areas and problem times of the day. The majority of citizen complaints received by the Chatham County Police Department are about speeding motorists.

The LIDAR speed detectors, blood alcohol meters, Breathalyzer, and window tint meters will allow more officers to conduct traffic safety activities on the roadways, with the goal of reducing traffic deaths in the county.

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