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Governor's Office of Highway Safety Awards Grant To

Stewart County Sheriff's Office

(Lumpkin, Ga) The Stewart County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce it has received a \$28,560.00 High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). Funding for this grant is provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is awarded based upon the partnership with The Governor's Office of Highway Safety in helping to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities across the State of Georgia.

High Visibility Enforcement combines highly visible and proactive law enforcement to target a specific traffic safety issue designed to change unlawful and dangerous driving behaviors that contribute to most of the fatal and serious-injury traffic crashes on our roads. Law enforcement efforts are combined with visibility elements and public notification on the enforcement campaign to educate the public on traffic safety and promote voluntary compliance with the law.

"Using data to identify where and when traffic crashes are happening in local communities helps local law enforcement agencies determine when and where to patrol roads and highways in hopes of being able to save lives and reduce crashes through the enforcement of all traffic laws," said Allen Poole, Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. "Traffic laws are to protect everyone traveling on the road and that obeying them helps to make sure you and everyone else makes it home safely every day."

"We are honored to be partnering with the GOHS. Our partnership with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety helps strengthen our efforts to make sure our community and those traveling through Stewart County get to their destination safely, as we are committed to having safer roadways," said Sheriff Larry Jones.

As law enforcement partners in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over DUI and Click It or Ticket seatbelt campaigns, the Stewart County Sheriff's Office will also conduct mobilizations throughout the year in coordination with GOHS's year-round waves of high visibility patrols, multi-jurisdictional sobriety checkpoints.

The grant will continue through September of 2027.

For more information on the Stewart County Sheriff's Office's award, contact Captain K.D. Hodges at (229) 838-4311 or khodges@stewartcountyga.gov. For more information on GOHS and its highway safety programs visit www.gahighwaysafety.org.