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SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS AWARDED GRANT FROM LOUISIANA HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Through a continued partnership with the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$77,770 to be used from October 2013 – September 2014, which will be dedicated to stepped up DWI, Occupant Protection, and Speed Enforcement.

Louisiana's highway safety grant program is designed to reduce traffic crashes and the resulting deaths, injuries and property damage. Projects implemented by the LHSC are limited to priority program areas, based on severity of the crash, over-representation, and magnitude of the problem.

There are three contributing factors associated with a traffic crash: the roadway and environment, the vehicle, and the driver. Driver factors (driving after drinking, speeding, not using occupant protection devices, etc.) contribute to some of the most severe traffic crashes.

LHSC's highway safety plan seeks to coordinate and unite state and local programs and projects to reduce traffic crashes, deaths, and injuries by focusing on enforcement, public information and education, and legislation.