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YCSO Awarded \$55,000 by Governor's Office of Highway Safety to Target DUI Enforcement

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce a \$55,097.00 award from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for DUI enforcement programs. The overall goal of these programs is to reduce the number of DUI involved traffic fatalities and injuries. Programs include DUI saturation patrol, along with task force and selective enforcement operations between October 1, 2012, and September of 2013. This very comprehensive grant even provides funding for school based bicycle safety programs.



A breakdown of the grant award is as follows: Over \$38,000 will be used to provide YCSO personnel overtime monies, travel and training funding, and supplies. The employee expenses include overtime for deputy, detention officers, and dispatchers who participate directly in saturation patrols and task force events. These events have been proven successful, and this funding will allow YCSO to continue our efforts to eliminate impaired driving by education, deterrence, and enforcement. Specialized training for one selected deputy will fund participation in a one week course on alcohol chemistry, pharmacology, principles of measurement of alcohol in blood/breath, and presentation of alcohol information in the courtroom. And lastly, a portion of the funding will be used to purchase supplies including blood collections kits allowing deputies to collect blood specimens for toxicological analysis in DUI cases. Capital equipment funding will go to purchase 5 Phlebotomy Chairs, which will provide a safe and secure setting for blood draws; 7 body-worn digital video recorders for deputies to record video and audio evidence in DUI cases; and 3 Preliminary Breath Testing instruments.

Selective traffic enforcement funding will allow highly publicized speed and aggressive driving law enforcement operations throughout the grant program. Funding for these operations is a little over \$14,000 and includes an allowance to purchase 2 speed measuring radar units.



Finally, \$2000 will be used for school bicycle safety supplies including helmets, flyers, banners, posters, badges/stickers, safety awards, and certificate packs.