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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Milledgeville PD gears up for Summer H.E.A.T.**

Officials with Milledgeville Police Department's Specialized Patrol Unit (SPU) and the Patrol Division are preparing for another round of 100 Days of Summer H.E.A.T. H.E.A.T. stands for Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic and is a traffic safety campaign provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). GOHS's 100 Days of Summer H.E.A.T. initiative will begin May 20 and last till Sept. 2. The statewide initiative is intended to reduce the number of injuries, traffic accidents and fatalities on Georgia highways with enforcement and education on speeding, DUI, seatbelt usage, and aggressive driving.

During H.E.A.T, a new location is chosen, based on collected data from traffic statistics. The Milledgeville PD H.E.A.T. program will focus traffic operations on roadways with high numbers of citizen complaints and traffic accidents. The program includes strict traffic enforcement and the distribution of educational materials by patrol officers.

This campaign applies to drivers of all ages. During the month of August, MPD officers move H.E.A.T. operations to school zones.

The first location for the H.E.A.T. campaign is South Elbert Street from Hancock Street to Vinson Highway with concentrations on speeding, failure to yield, following too closely and seatbelt requirements. There will be a 7 day warning period during each month of H.E.A.T. May H.E.A.T's warning period begins Monday, May 13 with enforcement efforts starting Monday, May 20.

During the 7 day warning period, officers will utilize its RADAR Speed Detection Trailer to inform motorists of their speed. They will also patrol the area and provide educational information on the dangers of high speed driving and the proper use of seatbelts. After the warning period, for the remainder of the month, MPD officers will be strictly enforcing traffic violations in the selected areas. A new location will be chosen for the month of June.