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MPD awarded state traffic enforcement grant

The Milledgeville Police Department has been awarded a Highway Safety High Visibility Enforcement Grant totaling \$9,900 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) in Atlanta.

"The police department is very fortunate to receive this grant funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety," said Police Chief Dray Swicord. "It will allow our department to put more resources towards the safety of motorists and passengers in our city and assist our agency in the reduction of preventable traffic collisions."

The grant, which will last through next September, is designed to help MPD reduce highway safety incidents such as crashes, injuries and fatalities throughout Milledgeville. With assistance from the grant, MPD's patrol unit intends to reduce speed related crashes, as well as those crashes that are a result of distracted driving due to use of cell phones. Police officers will also address various highway safety problems (i.e. occupant safety, speeding, etc.)

"This grant will allow the Department to augment our older radar units with new units in an effort to reduce speed related accidents and injury related accidents. Speed is often the primary contributing factor to whether an accident occurs or if the driver is able to avoid the collision. Additionally, speed greatly increases the likelihood of occupants in a collision being injured," said MPD's Patrol Commander Major John Davis.

For more information on MPD's Highway Safety High Visibility Enforcement Grant, contact the police department at 478-414-4000. Also, visit GOHS website for more info on life-saving highway safety campaigns.

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