



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Athens-Clarke County Police Department Awarded Heat Grant

(Athens) - Athens-Clarke County Police is pleased to announce it has received a grant of **\$117,422.19** from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The grant, which will continue through September of 2017, will help finance the goal of reducing crashes, injuries and fatalities caused by impaired driving and speeding, while also increasing seatbelt use and educating the public about traffic safety and the dangers of DUI.

"The Governor's Office of Highway Safety is committed to keeping everyone safe on our roads and highways, from the smallest precious cargo to the most seasoned drivers," said GOHS Director Harris Blackwood.

"The HEAT grant goals are to combat deaths and injuries from impaired driving crashes and excessive speeding, while also educating the public about traffic safety and the dangers of DUI. These goals align perfectly with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department and its mission of keeping our roadways safe. With the continuation of the HEAT grant, the ACCPD will be able to continue to have a concerted focus on making our roadways safer through a balanced approach with education and enforcement" stated Chief of Police R. Scott Freeman, PhD.

As law enforcement partners in the Operation Zero Tolerance DUI and Click It or Ticket seatbelt campaigns, the Athens-Clarke County Police will also conduct mobilizations throughout the year in coordination with GOHS's year-round waves of high visibility patrols, multi-jurisdictional road checks and sobriety checkpoints.

For more information on the Athens-Clarke County Police H.E.A.T grant award, contact Lt. Mark Pulliam at 706-208-1718 ext. 223 or Mark.Pulliam@athensclarkecounty.com. For more information on GOHS and its highway safety programs visit www.gahighwaysafety.org.

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