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Press Release

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AWARDS GRANT TO CITY OF NEWNAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 4, 2023 – Newnan, GA – The City of Newnan Police Department is pleased to announce they have received the High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) grant of \$28,857.60 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). Funding for this grant is provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and is awarded based upon partnership with GOHS in helping to reduce crashes and prevent injuries and fatalities across the State of Georgia.

High Visibility Enforcement combines highly visible and proactive law enforcement to target a specific traffic safety issue. It is designed to change the unlawful and dangerous driving behaviors that contribute to most of the fatal and serious-injury traffic crashes on our roads. Law enforcement efforts are combined with visibility elements and public notification on the enforcement campaign to educate the public on traffic safety and promote voluntary compliance with the law.

Chief Blankenship shared, "I am deeply grateful the City of Newnan Police Department has received this grant. We are honored to partner with GOHS to provide further traffic safety and enforcement to slow down drivers and keep the community safe on our roads. It is always our department's goal to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities in the City of Newnan. This partnership is a collaborative effort with GOHS and other agencies to make a positive impact, not only in Newnan, but throughout the entire State of Georgia."

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

“The Governor’s Office of Highway Safety and our partners continue to implement programs designed to save lives and promote safe driving behaviors,” Allen Poole, Director of the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety said. “We can ask everyone to help our state and nation reach zero traffic deaths by driving safe speeds, always wearing a seat belt, keeping the focus on the road and not the phone, and never operating a vehicle under the influence of any substance that impairs your ability to drive.”

This grant will continue through September of 2024.