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Newnan Police Department Receives Grant from Governor's Office of Highway Safety

NEWNAN, GEORGIA, October 27 - The Newnan Police Department is pleased to announce it has been awarded a \$40,852.80 High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). Funding for this grant is provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is awarded based upon the partnership with The Governor's Office of Highway Safety in helping to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities across the State of Georgia.

Newnan Police Chief Brent Blankenship shared, "The Newnan Police Department is honored to partner with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. This funding will further assist the Newnan Police Department's Traffic Unit and help keep our citizens and visitors traveling in and through the City of Newnan safe."

High Visibility Enforcement combines highly visible and proactive law enforcement to target a specific traffic safety issue designed to change 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.

"Crash data shows enforcement and education of traffic laws are two of most effective countermeasures to help our state and nation reduce crashes and eliminate deaths and serious injuries on our roads," shared Allen Poole, Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. "Each life saved on our roads is one less family that will have to live with the pain of losing a loved one whose life was taken from them in a traffic crash that was completely preventable."

As law enforcement partners in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and the 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, multi-jurisdictional sobriety checkpoints. The grant will continue through September of 2026.

For more information on the Newnan Police Department's award, contact Captain Thompson. For more information on GOHS and its highway safety programs visit www.gahighwaysafety.org.

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