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Governor's Highway Safety Office Traffic Safety Grant Awarded

"On Target With Traffic Safety"

Sheriff Paul White announced today that the Anderson County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a traffic safety grant for \$88,679.00 from the Governor's Highway Safety Office to support our "On Target With Traffic Safety" program.

The primary goals of this program are to save lives and reduce injuries from motor vehicle crashes. Anderson County experienced 82 fatal crashes from 2003 through 2008. A University of Tennessee study showed Anderson County below the state average for seat belt use. Motor vehicle crashes are on the rise. These facts prompted Sheriff Paul White to seek assistance from the Governor's Highway Safety Office.

In October, Sheriff White received notification of the grant award in the amount of \$88,679.00 from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Governor's Highway Safety Office. This grant funding will provide equipment, training, and overtime for our "On Target With Traffic Safety" program. This campaign involves educating the public and enforcing traffic laws in cooperation with both public safety agencies and private organizations to make our roadways safer.

"This grant will help the Sheriff's Department make our roadways a safer environment", said Sheriff Paul White. *"We are proud to partner with the Governor's Highway Safety Office, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and all of our local law enforcement agencies in this effort",* continued Sheriff White. *"Our thanks to the Governor's Highway Safety Office and the Tennessee Department of Transportation for their assistance in providing this grant."*

Representatives Jim Hackworth and Les Winningham along with Senator Randy McNally worked to secure these funds for Anderson County.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides the funding for GHSO grants.

Sheriff Paul White