



City accepts traffic safety grants

Police hope to reduce fatalities, crashes, and impaired driving

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: There has been an increase in both fatal and injury crashes over the past year in the city of Dayton. Assistant Chief Eric Henderson and Lt. James Mullins, Commander of the Central Patrol Operations Division, will provide interviews regarding these trends and how these grants and other measures will be utilized to change driving behavior. They will be available in the Chief's Complex at **1 p.m. today (Safety Building, first floor)**.

This morning, the Dayton City Commission accepted four grants from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, totaling more than \$310,000. The grants support high visibility enforcement of traffic safety activities designed to deter and change unsafe traffic behaviors through September 2021.

The Impaired Driving Enforcement Program (IDEP) grant will be used primarily in the evening and overnight hours to try to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes.

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant will be used to conduct high visibility enforcement, focusing on issues such as speed, distracted driving, aggressive driving, failure to yield, and personal restraint violations.

The Drugged Driving Enforcement Program (DDEP) grant will be used to conduct high visibility enforcement, focusing on motorists driving under the influence of drugs.

The Operating a Vehicle While Impaired Task Force (OVI) grant is a collaboration with multiple jurisdictions (Combined Agency OVI Task Force of Montgomery County). It requires a minimum of 16 sobriety checkpoints around the area over the next year, along with impaired driving saturation patrols, public awareness and education.

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