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Sheriff Gautreaux Receives Grant From Louisiana Highway Safety Commission

Additional Traffic Safety Enforcement Will Be Conducted

East Baton Rouge Parish – Sheriff Gautreaux and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Office were awarded a grant from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC) to conduct additional traffic safety enforcement. The primary goal of the grant is to reduce fatal and injury crashes on Louisiana roadways.

Traffic enforcement on the more than 1800 miles of roads in the parish is a large part of the Sheriff Gautreaux’s responsibilities. Statistics show over 50 fatalities and over 8000 injuries reported on East Baton Rouge Parish’s roadways in 2012. The Sheriff’s Office is committed to the goal of reducing these numbers.

“We have a lot of residents traveling the roadways in the parish daily as well as commuters from surrounding parishes,” said Sgt. Jerad Daniel. “We want everyone to arrive at their destination safely, and that’s why we conduct highway safety enforcement.”

Funding from the grant means more Deputies will be out working additional overtime conducting day and night seatbelt enforcement, speed enforcement, impaired driving saturation patrols, and sobriety checkpoints. The Sheriff’s Office will also participate in partnership with the LHSC and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) *Click It or Ticket* and *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaigns.

“We want to remind all drivers to be safe and responsible drivers,” said Sheriff’s Office spokeswoman Casey Rayborn Hicks. “Eliminate distractions like texting while driving, and make sure you and all your occupants buckle your seatbelts. Help make the roads in East Baton Rouge Parish the safest roads in Louisiana.”

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