

NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT
OVERTIME GRANT

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The Mansfield Division of Police has received Federal Funds from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office to help save lives in the Mansfield community. Interim Police Chief Dino Sgambellone announced the Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) awarded \$23849.79 in federal traffic safety funding to the Mansfield Division of Police for federal fiscal year 2010-2011.

Competitive grant proposals are accepted and reviewed by OTSO, with funds awarded to projects that will have the greatest impact on reducing fatal crashes or significantly improving traffic safety systems.

These funds are critical to ensuring that we are doing everything possible to keep our community safe. Based on crash data, we have identified several areas of interest to focus traffic enforcement for violations such as speeding, restraint use, impaired driving, and traffic education and awareness.

The Division will use these monies to conduct high visibility overtime traffic enforcement in the hopes of reducing crashes and serious injuries as well as educate the community on traffic safety procedures.

For more information about the Ohio Traffic Safety Office and statewide efforts to improve safety on Ohio roadways, log on to:

<http://ohiohighwaysafetyoffice.ohio.gov/>