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## **Spring Hill Police awarded \$15,859 state grant to enhance DUI enforcement**

**SPRING HILL, Tenn.** – Spring Hill Police Department today received some much needed financial assistance in its efforts to keep Spring Hill’s roads safe.

Gov. Bill Haslam, Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer and Governor’s Highway Safety Office Director Kendell Poole today announced 449 grants totaling \$24.2 million to 386 Tennessee agencies to support highway traffic safety efforts.

Among the agencies was Spring Hill Police Department’s DUI Enforcement Program, which received a \$15,859.37 grant to help fund overtime pay for officers working DUI saturation/enforcement, and related equipment, such as signs, lights or traffic cones.

“We are going to start conducting more DUI checkpoints here in Spring Hill with the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office,” Spring Hill Police Chief Don Brite said. “This is a high visibility enforcement campaign that hopefully sends a message out to motorists about the dangers and consequences of driving under the influence and that law enforcement is doing its part to make the streets and roads safer.”

Sgt. Tim Kennedy, with SHPD Traffic Enforcement, applied for the grant to help reduce alcohol related crashes occurring in Spring Hill.

"This grant funding not only saves our local taxpayers money on police costs, it helps save lives," Mayor Rick Graham said. "We are very appreciative of the state's recognition of our DUI enforcement program, which I know will put the funds to good use."

Each year, the Governor’s Highway Safety Office accepts applications from agencies across the state for available funds, which come from the National Highway Safety Office. The agencies that met the criteria for funding received awards.

“Having safe roads is critical to our mission of making Tennessee a better place to live, work and raise a family,” Gov. Haslam said today in a news release. “These grants will support the efforts ... to reduce the number of people killed and injured in traffic crashes in Tennessee each year.”

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