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SPD Receives Grant for Traffic Enforcement

On Wednesday, the Somerset Police Department was awarded a traffic safety grant from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety.

The \$12,500.00 grant check was presented by Steve Wright, Law Enforcement Liaison with the Office of Highway Safety.

In support of the grant, SPD outlined 12 different strategies and goals for improving traffic safety by reducing collisions, increasing seat belt usage, and increasing DUI arrests. The department was able to meet or exceed their expectations on 10 of those 12 goals.

Officers were able to reduce injury accidents from 308 to 126 from the previous year. Hazardous moving violations saw an increase from 1,963 to 4,034.

The money from this grant will be used to pay for overtime for patrol officers to conduct traffic enforcement. Officers who work the overtime provided by this grant will utilize the new Dodge Charger purchased with different grant money.

ATTACHMENT: Photo of the grant check being awarded. (L-R) Judy Price, SPD grant coordinator; Mayor Eddie Girdler; Steve Wright, Law Enforcement Liaison for the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety; and SPD Major Doug Nelson.

