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FIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WIN NEW VEHICLES FROM ODPS

Car Give-Away is Part of Traffic Safety Campaign

(COLUMBUS) – For the ninth year, the Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) has awarded five law enforcement agencies from around the state new police vehicles.

Five police departments came away the big winners out of a pool of 20 agencies, and will have a police vehicle delivered to them to be customized for their department's use. This year's winners are: Bowling Green Police Department (Wood County); Kettering Police Department (Montgomery County); Lakewood Police Department (Cuyahoga County); Perkins Township Police Department (Erie County); and Springfield Police Department (Clark County).

"We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our law enforcement partners," said OCJS Executive Director Karhlton Moore. "This is just one way to reward and support the agencies for their efforts in keeping our roads safe."

The 20 agencies were chosen because of their commitment to conduct high-visibility education and enforcement during two national safety mobilizations - the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt safety campaign and the *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* crackdown. Those chosen not only participated in the mobilizations, but also went above and beyond in their efforts to keep Ohioans safe. While five lucky agencies won police vehicles, all of the 20 agencies were recipients of some of the more than \$300,000 in traffic safety equipment OCJS distributes each year.

The funds for the cruisers and safety equipment come from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Ohio receives these federal funds specifically for traffic safety-related efforts including high-visibility enforcement and public awareness campaigns. Local law enforcement and safety partners receive grants through OCJS, which coordinates the campaigns and safety efforts on a statewide basis.

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ODPS works to reduce deaths and injuries on Ohio's roads through the coordinated efforts of all of its Divisions. The Ohio Investigative Unit enforces liquor, tobacco and food stamp laws in liquor permit premises and the Ohio State Highway Patrol enforces traffic laws. OCJS funds the efforts of OVI and Drug Task Forces and other grants for law enforcement to combat impaired and unsafe driving and increase seat belt use while also promoting educational programs, coalition-building and campaigns focused on highway safety.