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Cottonwood awarded more funding from grants

Cottonwood, Ariz, January, 2014—The Cottonwood Police Department recently received \$28,957 in funding from the Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) for Equipment, DUI and traffic safety enforcement.

The grants were awarded on October 1, 2013 and will be funded through September 30, 2014. The department will use \$8,000 to fund officers’ overtime to conduct Selective Enforcement Patrols (STEP). These STEP’s focus on a variety of safety-related moving violations and traffic offenses. \$13,000 will go to fund officers’ overtime to conduct more year-round DUI Saturation Patrols and Checkpoints. \$3,275 was awarded for the purchase of portable breath test equipment, which are used by the officers on a traffic stop to help determine if the driver is DUI. The remaining \$4,682 was awarded to purchase a portable radar recorder, which will be used to determine high traffic and speed areas.

The goal of the selective enforcement and DUI patrols are not only to locate violators of the law, but to also increase public awareness and

remind motorists of traffic laws, which serve a purpose to reduce and prevent vehicle accidents and fatalities. The equipment is to assist the officers in these patrols.

The Cottonwood Police Department takes pride in keeping our roadways safe.

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