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OHIO AWARDS \$14.3 MILLION IN TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS *Funds Support Law Enforcement, Safety Partners, Help Keep Highways Safe*

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio Department of Public Safety’s (ODPS) Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) has awarded \$14,302,272 in federal traffic safety funding to local law enforcement and safety partners for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2013.

“The state is committed to providing resources to keep our communities safe,” said ODPS Director Thomas P. Charles. “These grants will assist our traffic safety partners’ efforts and will strengthen our partnerships with leaders on all levels of government.”

The funds support the efforts of safety partners statewide and focus on traffic safety priority areas such as seat belt use, impaired driving, motorcycle safety and youthful drivers.

Competitive grant proposals were accepted and reviewed by OCJS, with funds awarded to projects that will have the greatest impact on reducing fatal crashes or significantly improving traffic safety systems. The FFY 2013 competitive grant process solicited grant proposals from state agencies, non-profit organizations, colleges, universities, hospitals, political subdivisions and other interested groups within selected Ohio counties and jurisdictions (based upon the number of fatal crashes).

OCJS awarded 160 grant proposals for FFY 2013, which began Oct. 1. Federal funds were allocated to 69 of Ohio’s 88 counties representing 93.8 percent of Ohio’s population, not including the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Grants are given in the following categories: General Traffic Safety, High Visibility Enforcement Overtime, Countywide OVI Task Force Program, Safe Communities Program and Traffic Engineering. For a complete list of grant awards for FFY 2013, visit the OCJS Web site at: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/> and click on the Traffic Safety section at the top of the page.

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OCJS serves as the lead justice planning and assistance agency for the state. Through research, technology and grants, OCJS serves a wide variety of agencies committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio. OCJS coordinates and funds the efforts of DUI Task Forces and grants for local law enforcement and safety partners to combat impaired and unsafe driving and promotes educational programs, coalition-building efforts and campaigns focused on highway safety.