

NEW LONDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Incident type: Enforcement Initiative

Location: City of New London

Date/Time: Month of December

Details: The New London Police Department has received an enforcement grant through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. \$10,000 has been allocated for overtime expenses to pay for saturation patrols to enforce alcohol and seatbelt violations.

\$2,000 of the total grant is being used to pay for "hot spot" technology to allow electronic citations to automatically download to the police department's server whenever a squad pulls up near the building.

The remainder of the grant will be spent on overtime patrols. In addition to the grant-funded enforcement, the New London Police Department is also scheduling extra patrols from their existing budget.

The patrols began in November, and will continue periodically through the end of September 2009. The next major emphasis is "Booze and Belts." This program, which is targeted at drunk driving and seatbelt violations, will run during undisclosed dates in December.

"This grant provides a great opportunity to improve the safety of our roadways in New London," said New London Police Chief Kevin Wilkinson. "We do pretty well in seatbelt usage overall, but we can do better, especially with child restraint usage. And drunk driving is a perpetual threat that always needs close attention from us. The funding in this program will allow us to have a sustained, elevated enforcement effort."

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