

Gov. Heineman Announces 42 Law Enforcement Camera System Grants

(Lincoln, Neb.) Gov. Dave Heineman today announced more than \$330,000 in grants from federal highway safety funds to Nebraska law enforcement agencies. The grants through the Highway Safety Alcohol Incentive Funding permit the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety to provide support to local law enforcement agencies with training and equipment that is used to prevent alcohol-related crashes.

Seventeen police departments and twenty-five Sheriff's Offices across Nebraska received the grants to install a total of ninety-nine new in-car camera systems. In-car camera systems are used to aide in the apprehension and prosecution of drinking drivers as well as providing a measure of safety for the officers.

"With the holidays approaching, it is a good time to remind everyone to make sure that every driver is a safe and sober one," said Governor Heineman. "These grants will help our law enforcement officers keep our roads safe."

According to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, in 2007 Nebraska law enforcement officers arrested 13,437 drivers for driving under-the-influence. Early reports suggest that more arrests could be recorded this year.

"Everyone can help law enforcement too. Report every suspected drunk driver immediately to law enforcement by dialing *55 or 911. Remember that you are not only saving others on the road, but the drunk drivers themselves," said Beverly Neth, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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Editor's Note: A breakdown of grants awarded is attached.

In-Car Camera Systems Grants Awards for Nebraska Law Enforcement Agencies December 2008

<u>Agency</u>	<u># of Systems</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
Boone County Sheriff's Department	1	2,996.25
Cherry County Sheriff's Department	2	7,000.00
Clay County Sheriff's Department	1	3,018.75
Deuel County Sheriff's Department	1	3,000.00
Dixon County Sheriff's Department	2	7,000.00
Douglas County Sheriff's Department	6	21,000.00
Fillmore County Sheriff's Department	1	3,500.00
Gosper County Sheriff's Department	1	2,925.00
Greeley County Sheriff's Department	3	10,500.00
Hall County Sheriff's Department	3	10,500.00
Keya Paha County Sheriff's Department	1	3,018.75
Lancaster County Sheriff's Department	5	17,500.00
Lincoln County Sheriff's Department	5	17,977.50
Logan County Sheriff's Department	2	7,000.00
Nemaha County Sheriff's Department	1	3,045.00
Pawnee County Sheriff's Department	1	3,243.00
Perkins County Sheriff's Department	1	3,500.00
Red Willow County Sheriff's Department	2	7,000.00
Sarpy County Sheriff's Department	6	21,000.00
Seward County Sheriff's Department	2	5,992.50
Stanton County Sheriff's Department	5	15,093.75
Thurston County Sheriff's Department	3	8,988.75
Valley County Sheriff's Department	3	9,056.25
York County Sheriff's Department	2	7,000.00
Auburn Police Department	3	10,500.00
Bennington Police Department	1	2,246.25
Hastings Police Department	3	9,967.50
Laurel Police Department	1	3,018.75
La Vista Police Department	6	21,000.00
Lyman Police Department	1	3,500.00
Madison Police Department	2	5,992.50
Newman Grove Police Department	1	746.25
Norfolk Police Department	4	13,012.50
North Platte Police Department	3	10,500.00
Oakland Police Department	1	3,500.00
Ogallala Police Department	2	7,000.00
O'Neill Police Department	1	3,500.00
Tekamah Police Department	1	3,281.25
Valentine Police Department	4	14,000.00
York Police Department	1	3,500.00
Franklin Police Department	1	3,500.00
Washington County Sheriff's Department	<u>3</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>
Total	99	\$330,120.50