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Franklin Police Department Receives Pedestrian, Bicycle and Moped-Type Safety Enforcement and Equipment Grant Award

Franklin, MA - The Franklin Police Department was awarded \$7,490.52 in federal grant funding as part of the 2009-2010 Pedestrian, Bicycle and Moped-Type Safety Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS). This program provides overtime funds for targeted enforcement of pedestrian, bicycle, and moped laws, equipment, and materials. The EOPSS awarded 16 of these grants totaling \$100,000 in federal highway safety funds.

"We are pleased to receive these funds to enhance our pedestrian, bicycle and moped-type enforcement activities in Franklin" said Sgt. Chris Spillane of the Franklin Police Department. "Any loss on our roadways is one too many and this program will help to reduce the instances of pedestrian, bicycle and moped crashes with motor vehicles."

According to the Massachusetts Crash Data System, in 2007 there were 66 pedestrian fatalities and 1,273 non-fatal injuries along with 11 pedalcyclist fatalities and 800 non-fatal injuries on Massachusetts roadways. Additionally, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2007, pedestrians made up 15% of motor vehicle-related fatalities in Massachusetts, compared to the national average of 11% in 2007. Similarly, in 2007, pedalcyclists made up 2.5% of all motor vehicle-related fatalities in Massachusetts, compared to the national average of 1.7%.

For more information on this program go to www.mass.gov/highwaysafety and click on 2009-2010 Pedestrian, Bicycle and Moped-Type Safety Enforcement and Equipment Grant.