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## **2015-2016 LHSC AWARDED GRANT MONEY**

The Baton Rouge Police Department has again been awarded an enforcement grant funded by the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for Occupant Protection (seatbelt), Impaired Driving, Underage Drinking and Speeding Enforcement. Enforcement operations will run for a total of 12 months, beginning October 1, 2015 and will end September 30, 2016.

Baton Rouge Police Department uses LHSC funding to supplement existing full time DWI Task Force, Traffic Bureau, Speeding, Seatbelt and Underage Drinking Enforcement. The Baton Rouge Police Department deployed around 14,000 additional man hours on the streets of Baton Rouge, not only providing additional police presence, but targeting these particular offenders in attempts to reduce alcohol related traffic crashes and fatalities within the city limits.

The 2014-2015 supplemental funding added the following program results which are independent of on duty enforcement:

- 803 DWI Arrests
- 5,746 Occupant Protection (Seat Belt) Violations
- 1,339 Child Restraint Violations
- 2,598 Speeding Violations
- 13,805 Traffic Violations
- 527 Other Arrest
- 5 DWI Checkpoints
- 143 Occupant Protection Checkpoints

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