



# BRPD News Item

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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, Juvenile Underage Drinking and Speeding enforcement. Enforcement operations will run for a total of 12 months, beginning October 1, 2014 and will end September 30, 2015.

Impaired driving, seatbelt compliance, high speed crashes remain one of the primary focuses for Baton Rouge Police in reducing alcohol related traffic crashes and fatalities inside the city limits. Law Enforcement Efforts are paying off. Partnering with other agencies, statewide, traffic related fatalities are on a decline and seatbelt compliance is trending upward (see [www.LAHighwaysafety.org](http://www.LAHighwaysafety.org)).

Baton Rouge Police Department uses LHSC funding to supplement existing full time DWI Task Force, Traffic Bureau, Speeding, Seatbelt and Juvenile Underage Drinking enforcement. During the 2013-2014 grant periods, the Baton Rouge Police Department deployed an additional 13,000 man hours on the streets targeting these particular offenders.

The 2013-2014 supplemental funding added the following program results which are independent of on duty enforcement:

**Impaired Driving Overtime Enforcement:**

- 1034 DWI Arrest
- 11 Total Vehicular Negligent Injury Arrest
- 4,460 Total Traffic Citations
- 495 Total other Misdemeanor/Felony Arrest
- 37 Sobriety Checkpoints
- 4,990 total Vehicles Screened

**Occupant Protection:**

- 3,508 Seatbelt Citations
- 1,072 Child Restraint Citations
- 7,286 Total Other Traffic Citations

**Bicycle Patrols:**

- 1,662 Total Seatbelt Citations
- 375 Total Child Restraint Citations
- 778 Total Other Citations
- 21 DWI Arrest

**Speeding Enforcement:**

- 1,277 Total Speeding Citations
- 431 Total Other Citations
- 7 Total Other Arrest

**Grand Totals:**

- DWI Arrest 1055
- Traffic Citations 20,851
- 11 Vehicular Negligent Injury

Baton Rouge Police Department will participate in the nationwide, *annual click it or ticket* campaign which runs November 22-30 2014.