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[Forest Hill, TX-August 19, 2010] The City of Forest Hill Police Department will once again participate in the state-wide STEP Program during the Labor Day holiday. STEP, which stands for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, is a "wave" grant initiative that allows Police Departments to take the money allotted to them and apply it to enforcing certain traffic violations throughout the year.

Forest Hill will join hundreds of cities across Texas in a nationwide drunk driving crackdown coordinated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that combines high-visibility law enforcement with a statewide public information and education campaign. Between August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>, thousands of officers will be working round the clock to stop and arrest drunk drivers on Texas roads and highways.

Forest Hill police officers have completed five waves this fiscal year (October 1<sup>st</sup> to the present)- Thanksgiving week, Valentines week, spring break in March, Independence Day and Memorial Day. During those waves, they strictly enforced speeding violations. Currently, the department's compliance rate is 35%.

The STEP program is sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The grant allows all City of Forest Hill police officers, including two motor officers, to work overtime or regular time (depending on how the grant is written) strictly on traffic detail. The grant traditionally allows the officers to enforce speeding, seatbelt and DWI violations.

For more information about the program, statistics and its successes in Forest Hill, contact Corporal William Glock at the Forest Hill Police Department, (817) 531-5250 or via email at [wglock@foresthilltx.org](mailto:wglock@foresthilltx.org).

***About the City of Forest Hill***

The City of Forest Hill was incorporated in 1946. It is home to more than 13,000 residents and over 300 businesses. It is located in southeast Tarrant County. In 2010, Forest Hill was named the 10<sup>th</sup> fastest growing city in Tarrant County by the *Fort Worth Business Press*.

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