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[Forest Hill, TX-April 13, 2010] The City of Forest Hill Police Department continues to participate in the state-wide STEP Program. 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.

Three "waves" have been completed: Thanksgiving weekend, Valentines week, and spring break in March. Forest Hill Officers strictly enforced speeding violations during those times. For the February mobilization, the department enforced the "National Teen Click It or Ticket" seatbelt campaign and the "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign directly related to enforcement and deterrence efforts during the Superbowl. The department's compliance rate is 33%, up 1% from this time last year. Remaining "waves" include Memorial Day and Labor Day.

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 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.

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 10th fastest growing city in Tarrant County by the *Fort Worth Business Press*.

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