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[Forest Hill, TX-June 8, 2007] The City of Forest Hill Police Department is once again participating 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. The first "Wave" was completed over Memorial Day weekend.

The STEP program is sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The STEP grant allows officers to work overtime or regular time (depending on how the grant is written)

strictly on traffic details. The grant traditionally allows the offers to enforce speeding, seatbelt and DWI violations. The 2007 grant for the Forest Hill Police Department was written for use in speeding violations. "This a very successful program for us," stated Police Chief Rex Phelps. "Just two years ago, our department received the distinction of earning the greatest percentage point increase of any department in the state of Texas. We increased our seatbelt compliance rate by 42 percentage points," he added.

The "Wave" grant allows the Police Department to participate on certain holidays. So far this year, officers have mobilized on Valentines Day in February and during Spring Break in March. Those remaining include Independence Day and Labor Day. The latter will tie directly into the national and state media "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

For more information about the program and its successes in Forest Hill, please call Officer William Glock at the Forest Hill Police Department, (817) 531-5250 or via email at wglock@foresthilltx.org.

The City of Forest Hill was established in 1946. It is home to more than 13,000 residents and over 300 businesses. It is located in southeast Tarrant County.

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