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Media Advisory

NHP Awarded Grant from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety to Purchase Collision Reconstruction Equipment and Host Advanced Collision Reconstruction Training

The Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) has partnered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety to purchase collision reconstruction equipment and host advanced collision reconstruction training for law enforcement officers in Nevada. Funding for the equipment and class was provided through a \$26,500 traffic safety grant from NHTSA through the DPS Office of Traffic Safety.

The class to be offered is:

- Traffic Collision Reconstruction I
 - Collision reconstruction focuses on analyzing and interpreting information that has been collected to determine how a collision occurred. Topics include:
 - Vehicle Dynamics, Conservation of Momentum, Energy, Driver's Strategy and Tactics, and Heavy Vehicle (Commercial Vehicle) considerations.
 - This course is taught by the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety and will be held, in Carson City, from June 18th – 29th, 2012.

The equipment to be purchased is:

- Vehicle Braking Test Computers (Accelerometers)
 - This equipment is used by reconstructionists to determine the resistance to sliding associated with a given roadway. This value is then used when calculating the speeds of the vehicles involved in a collision.
 - The grant provides for the purchase of six (6) accelerometers for use by NHP MAIT throughout the state.

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