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## **WC ROAD PATROL STEPPING UP ENFORCEMENT**

**Sheriff Benny Napoleon unveils new tools to curb speeders.**

**Detroit, MI (March 23, 2011) – Starting today, the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office is implementing two new law enforcement tools to slow down speeders, those driving under the influence and traffic offenders putting innocent motorists at risk. Sheriff Benny Napoleon is putting two stealth vehicles—a 2010 Chevy Camaro and 2010 Dodge Challenger—on patrol to take the agency’s law enforcement efforts on Secondary Roads to the next level.**

Last year, Road Patrol conducted 19,389 traffic stops, a 20 percent increase over the previous year. With 317 arrested for driving under the influence in the last three years, the Sheriff’s Office is wasting no time putting these vehicles into effect.

**“One fatality or accident is one too many and these vehicles will help us get dangerous drivers off the road,” said Sheriff Benny Napoleon. “Driving is a privilege that should be treated as such. We have too many people out there breaking the rules of the road, putting your family’s health and welfare at risk.”**

The distinguishing factor of the new patrol vehicles is that they don’t look like ordinary police vehicles. The semi-marked Camaro and Challenger are more apt to blend in with traffic giving them the ability to enhance enforcement efforts when it comes to speeding, DUI’s, and distracted driving. Both vehicles are considered high performance vehicles and both are rated at approximately 19 mpg city and 24 mpg highway. The emergency equipment is also custom installed to keep a stealth appearance.

Funding for the vehicles is provided by the Secondary Road Grant enacted in 1978 which established the Secondary Road Patrol program. Both vehicles are valued at \$35,000.

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