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Governor's Office of Highway Safety Awards Impaired Driving (SFST & DRE) Training Programs Grant to the

**Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Georgia Police Academy Division**

The Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia is pleased to announce it has received a **\$747,216.53 training grant** from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS).

The grant will begin October 1, 2023 and run through September 30, 2024. The program will help finance the advanced DUI/Impaired Driving training programs for all state and local law enforcement agencies within the state of Georgia. Funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"The loss of one life on our roads is one too many, and the fact almost all fatal traffic crashes can be prevented is one reason why we are awarding this grant," Governor's Office of Highway Safety Director Allen Poole said. "The target of zero traffic deaths in our nation is achievable, and we will continue to help develop and implement educational messages and enforcement campaigns aimed at bringing our state one step closer to that goal."

The Drug Recognition Expert, DUI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing programs provide law enforcement officers in the field with the training and knowledge to arrest and successfully prosecute offenders. "The ultimate goal of our program is to prevent the needless injuries and deaths that are directly attributed to impaired drivers," said GPSTC Program Manager Jonathan Fuss.

