



# Press Release

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## KPD Strives to Make Driving Safer in Kilgore

**Kilgore, TX --** The Kilgore Police Department will be participating in the 2014 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in an effort to save lives and reduce vehicle crashes. The Traffic Safety Grant Program is funded through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation and will utilize off duty Kilgore Police Officers to strengthen traffic enforcement in certain areas of the City. The program will specifically focus on speed and DWI enforcement. Both driving behaviors greatly increase a person's risk of being involved in a crash. Enforcement will consist of five “wave periods” each 14 days in length for the periods of Labor Day, Memorial Day, Christmas / New Year's Holiday, Spring Break and Independence Day. The first period will be from December 20, 2013 to January 1, 2014.

The grant awarded a year's budget of \$23,607.00 which is comprised of 80% federal grant funds and 20% local match funds. The total period of the grant will run from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

Our goal is to bring down the number of traffic crashes and DWI violators which will result in safer roads within the City of Kilgore for our families and friends to travel.

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