



The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension

GTIPI GEORGIA TRAFFIC INJURY PREVENTION INSTITUTE

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety is a full partner in this program

1070 Culpepper Drive • Suite 300 • Conyers, Georgia 30094
Phone: (678) 413-4281 or (800) 342-9819 • Fax (678) 413-4293

ridesafegeorgia.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Andrew Turnage, PIE/CPS Coordinator – Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute
Phone: 678-413-4281 or toll-free at 1-800-342-9819 **Web:** www.ridesafegeorgia.org

BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES 2011 BUCKLE UP, AMERICA! AWARD

JUNE 29, 2011 – MACON, GA Earlier today **Lt Bryan Hunter on the behalf of the Byron Police Department** was presented a 2011 Buckle Up, America! Award Ceremony at the Georgia Secretary of State's office in Macon. The award was presented by the Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute (GTIPI), a part of The University of Georgia's College of Family and Consumer Sciences Cooperative Extension, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

The Buckle Up, America! Awards recognize individuals, agencies, community and civic groups who work to reduce injuries and prevent fatalities in Georgia through involvement with traffic safety, seat belt and child safety seat awareness initiatives. "The 2011 Awards Ceremony was designed to publicly thank traffic safety advocates for all that they have done to support traffic safety initiatives," said Frankie Jones, the Institute's Director. "These award winners focus on seat belts, child passenger safety and teen driving programs in the local community and across the State of Georgia," she said. Jones presented the awards with representatives from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS).

To be considered for an award, a nomination was made with supportive documentation that identified impact in the following areas: Community Involvement, Injury Prevention Activities, Advocacy, Leadership, and Merit. "The **Byron Police Department** demonstrated how to effectively address traffic injury prevention and involve other organizations in a community effort," said Spencer Moore, Deputy Director of GOHS.

The Byron Police Department was nominated in the **LAW ENFORCEMENT**.

This year's nominees were also recognized for taking an active role in promoting injury prevention in the field of traffic safety, including legislative activities, injury prevention initiatives, and through media. "The **Byron Police Department** demonstrated a strong leadership role at a level of merit in 2011," said Spencer Moore. Moore congratulated recipients after the ceremony. "We are extremely proud of the work these professionals and volunteers do to save lives on Georgia's roads and highways," he said.

For more information about the Buckle Up, America! Awards, or for information about traffic safety, child safety seats, teen driving, and older driver resources, visit The University of Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute's website at www.ridesafegeorgia.org

(END OF RELEASE)