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Foundation Makes Grant to the Police Department for Traffic Data Collection Recorders

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL (January 12, 2011) – The Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation announced today that it had made a financial grant to the Police Department for the purchase of new data collection recorders for the Traffic Unit.

The new Traffic Recorders represent a leap forward in the use of radar for accurate traffic data collection. Equipped with 2nd generation algorithms, the units are able to record up to two lanes of traffic data. Information such as speed, volume of vehicles and peak violation times can all be captured without personnel ever having to go into the roadway.

“A common complaint from residents in various neighborhoods is about speeding vehicles. However, a citizen’s perception of traffic speeds does not always match up with what is really happening. In the past we had to place an Officer at the location to gather speed data. With today’s tight budgets and limited resources, it can be difficult to justify the time involved for this.” said Assistant Chief of Police, Clint Shannon who is responsible for the Road Patrol Bureau. “Using this new technology allows us to gather hard evidence of whether or not a problem really exists. This data can then be used to find where stepped up enforcement is really needed, or to end arguments over speeding traffic.”

Tom Murphy, Foundation President said: “This grant is in line with our mission of supporting the outstanding men and women of the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department by funding projects and programs that are beyond the scope of the current City budget. This equipment will allow our Police Officers to determine the best times and locations for enforcement and to evaluate the effectiveness of their enforcement.”

About the Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation

The Palm Beach Gardens Police Foundation is a non-profit entity holding IRS 501(c)(3) status. Its mission is to provide funding for equipment and innovative Police Department projects, not available from the city’s budget, that serve the community, improve communications, and foster excellence in policing.

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