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### **HPD awarded intoxilyzer grant**

Hinesville, GA— The Hinesville Police Department received a grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to provide funding for a CMI Intoxilyzer 9000 breath alcohol testing instrument.

In joint efforts with the Law Enforcement Intoxilyzer Instrument Transition Program, JAG is assisting local law enforcement agencies in replacing the Intoxilyzer 5000, an aging breath testing device, with the approved Intoxilyzer 9000. This instrument has been selected by the Director of the Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for use in the State of Georgia; it is the standard for accuracy, reliability and courtroom evidence.

“We are grateful to have been selected this year to participate in the Intoxilyzer 9000 Grant program administered through the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety,” said Assistant Chief Julian Hodges. “Our participation in the Coastal Area Traffic Enforcement Network and its activities was a determining factor in our eligibility for the grant and we are pleased to have the opportunity to participate in those activities for the networking and training opportunities obtained through that association. Our acquisition of this instrument at this time, made possible by receiving this grant, will position us to offer and rely on the newest and best available technology now and into the future.”

The Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG furthers the local law enforcement agency’s mission by assisting in the efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

With this grant, the HPD will continue to provide high visibility traffic enforcement initiatives, participation in the Georgia’s traffic enforcement networks and online reporting.

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