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Honorable Jimmy McDuffie, Sheriff
Effingham County Sheriff's Office
P.O. Box 1015
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Re: ACCG-GSIWCF Online Driver Training Incentive Grant Program

Dear Sheriff McDuffie:

Congratulations!

ACCG, Georgia's County Association, is pleased to announce that the Effingham County Sheriff's Office has been awarded an *Online Driver Training Incentive Grant* in the amount of **\$989.70**. The check is being sent to the County's Insurance Contact, who should release the funds to the Sheriff's Office based on the grant application submitted by the first person copied below. These funds are provided as a reimbursement for training materials and/or equipment noted on the application and purchased by the Sheriff's Office for the purpose of reducing employees' on-the-job injuries, including those arising out of vehicle operations.

This grant was awarded to the Sheriff's Office because *at least 80%* of your drivers completed the Georgia Public Safety Training Center's 4-hour course, The Essentials of Law Enforcement Driving: Hazards & Controls. The course includes many different topics: due regard, decision-making, vehicle and driver limitations, emergency response, intersection clearing, defensive driving tactics, and much more. Those that completed the free training also received POST credit.

Your commitment and your officers' commitment to exercising safe driving skills is key to preventing auto accidents, which reduces the possibility of injury to you, your employees, and others as well as damage to your vehicles. This could have a positive impact on the cost of coverage, too, allowing those dollars to be saved and/or better spent elsewhere.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the *Online Driver Training Incentive Grant Program*, please contact me at (404) 589-7828.

Sincerely,

Ashley H. Abercrombie, CPCU
Director of Property & Casualty Programs

cc: Nancy Gillenwater, Office Manager
The Honorable Wesley Corbitt, Chairman
Ms. Sarah Mausolf, H R Director - County's Insurance Contact



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NEWS RELEASE

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EFFINGHAM COUNTY RECEIVES EMPLOYEE SAFETY GRANT FROM ACCG INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Effingham County, GA. (February 2023) - Effingham County's Sheriff's Office was recently awarded an *Online Driver Training Incentive Grant* from the ACCG - Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund (ACCG-GSIWCF). This grant was awarded to the Sheriff's Office because at least 80% of their drivers completed the Georgia Public Safety Training Center's 4-hour course, [The Essentials of Law Enforcement Driving: Hazards & Controls](#). Officers also received 4 credit hours for completing the course.

The grant funds will provide financial assistance to the Sheriff's training department for the purpose of reducing employees' on-the-job injuries, including those arising out of vehicle operations. Items eligible for reimbursement include any training materials or equipment, including TVs, computers, videos, and video cameras.

The Georgia Sheriffs' Association (GSA), Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Insurance Programs, and Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS) partnered to develop this online defensive driver training course. The course is based on content created by LGRMS and includes sheriffs and officers from across Georgia. The Sheriff's and officers' commitment to exercising safe driving skills is key to preventing auto accidents, which helps reduce the cost of workers' compensation, auto liability and physical damage coverage.

The ACCG-GSIWCF provides workers' compensation insurance to more Georgia county governments than all other insurers combined and has assets of approximately \$260 million. Since 1985, the program has returned \$114 million in dividends to the membership. For more information, go to www.accginsurance.org.

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