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The Perkins County Sheriff's Office is receiving grant funding assistance for obtaining one in-car camera system, according to Fred Zwonechek, administrator for the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety.

"This highway safety grant funding in the amount of \$3,393.75 will aid the Perkins County Sheriff's Office in purchasing one camera system," Zwonechek said.

Perkins County Sheriff Jim Brueggeman said the grant will be used to install a new video camera system in the 2009 Ford Expedition recently put into service at the sheriff's office.

The total cost of the camera system is \$4,525 said Brueggeman. The remaining \$1,131.25 will be paid from local matching funds such as a split of STOP traffic diversion funds and from the sheriff's office budget.

"As you know, we always take advantage of grant funds to purchase investigative and officer safety equipment when possible to lessen the amount of local tax dollars needed to fund sheriff's office operations," said Brueggeman. "We are pleased with the grant award and are excited to put the new digital recording equipment to use in documenting our traffic and law enforcement contacts with the public."