

The Perkins County Sheriff's Office has received five hand-held alcohol breath testing units through a traffic safety grant award. The units valued at \$285 each were provided by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety as part of the state's ongoing effort to prevent underage drinking and alcohol-related traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities.

According to the Highway Safety Administrator Fred Zwonecheck, "The Perkins County Sheriff's Office was awarded the new instruments to assist their personnel in identifying potential minor in possession, minor .02 driving and driving under the influence violators,"

The portable units display a digital reading of the blood alcohol level from a suspect's breath sample.

"These instruments provide the latest technology in preliminary breath testing," Zwonecheck said.