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PRESS RELEASE

The Duxbury Police Department Receives Bicycle Helmet Award
Will Offer Free Helmets to Area Residents During Spring & Summer

The Duxbury Police Department has been awarded 38 bicycle helmets as part of the 2011 statewide bicycle safety grant program funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and distributed through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division (EOPSS-HSD). The program will provide more than 2,900 helmets to 68 communities and organizations for free distribution this spring and summer.

The helmets will be distributed at no cost in our community throughout the remainder of the summer and fall seasons”

Massachusetts law requires any child 16 years of age or younger operating in-line skates, a skate board, scooter, bicycle, or other manually-propelled wheeled vehicle or riding as a passenger on any manually-propelled vehicle on a public way or bicycle path to wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet.

Bicyclists are considered vehicle operators, and thus must obey the rules of the road such as traffic signs and signals. When riding in the street, bicyclists should ride in the same direction as traffic. Drivers and pedal cyclists must share the roads safely. Cyclists should wear reflective gear and ensure that they are highly visible to motorists, especially at night.

According to NHTSA, six of the 334 total traffic fatalities in Massachusetts in 2009 were pedalcyclists. Nationwide, cyclists under age 16 accounted for 13 percent of the total killed and 20 percent of all those injured in vehicular traffic crashes in 2009.

A bicycle helmet can reduce the risk of serious head and brain injury by as much as 90 percent. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 91 percent of bicyclists killed in 2008 were not wearing helmets. For more information on the bicycle helmet law and bicycle safety tips, go to www.mass.gov/highwaysafety.

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A complete list of award recipients is attached below.

2011 Bike Helmet Grant Recipients

Andover Police Department, 48 helmets received
Arlington Police Department, 48 helmets received
Attleboro Police Department, 48 helmets received
Ayer Police Department, 38 helmets received
Blackstone Police Department, 38 helmets received
Boston Society of Vulcans, 58 helmets received
Boxborough Police Department, 38 helmets received
Brewster Police Department, 38 helmets received
Cambridge Police Department, 58 helmets received
Chelmsford Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 48 helmets received
Chelmsford Police Department, 48 helmets received
Chelsea Police Department, 48 helmets received
Chicopee Fire Department, 48 helmets received
Danvers Police Department, 48 helmets received
Dedham Police Department, 38 helmets received
Dennis Police Department, 38 helmets received
Duxbury Police Department, 38 helmets received
Eastham Police Department, 38 helmets received
Fairhaven Police Department, 38 helmets received
Granby Police Department, 38 helmets received
Groton Fire Department, 38 helmets received
Groton Police Department, 38 helmets received
Hamilton Police Department, 38 helmets received
Holliston Fire Department, 38 helmets received
Holliston Police Department, 38 helmets received

Holyoke Fire Department, 48 helmets received
Leominster Police Department, 48 helmets received
Lunenburg Police Department, 38 helmets received
Lynn Police Department, 58 helmets received
Manchester Police Department, 38 helmets received
Mansfield Police Department, 38 helmets received
Marlborough Police Department, 48 helmets received
Melrose Police Department, 48 helmets received
Milford Police Department, 48 helmets received
Millville Police Department, 38 helmets received
Milton Police Department, 48 helmets received
Nahant Police Department, 38 helmets received
New Bedford Police Department, 58 helmets received
Newburyport Police Department, 38 helmets received
Northbridge Police Department, 38 helmets received
Northfield Police Department, 38 helmets received
Norton Police Department, 38 helmets received
Orleans Police Department, 38 helmets received
Parents & Community Build Group, Inc., Allston, 48 helmets received
Peabody Police Department, 48 helmets received
Pepperell Police Department, 38 helmets received
Petersham Police Department, 38 helmets received
Plymouth Police Department, 48 helmets received
Quincy Police Department, 58 helmets received
Reading Police Department, 38 helmets received
Revere Police Department, 48 helmets received
Rochester Police Department, 38 helmets received
Salem State University Police Department, 38 helmets received
Salisbury Police Department, 38 helmets received

Shirley Police Department, 38 helmets received
Sturbridge Police Department, 38 helmets received
Swampscott Police Department, 38 helmets received
Tewksbury Police Department, 48 helmets received
Tisbury Police Department, 38 helmets received
Topsfield Fire Department, 38 helmets received
Topsfield Police Department, 38 helmets received
Trips for Kids New Bedford, Inc., 58 helmets received
UMass Medical School, Worcester, 58 helmets received
Uxbridge Police Department, 38 helmets received
Wareham Police Department, 38 helmets received
West Newbury Police Department, 38 helmets received
Westford Police Department, 38 helmets received
Whitman Fire Rescue, 38 helmets received