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Benedictine receives third EUDL grant to help combat underage drinking

Lisle, Illinois- The Benedictine University Police Department has been awarded a third grant by the Illinois Department of Human Services to combat underage alcohol use and impaired driving on campus. The grant is for \$7,500.

Benedictine was awarded two previous Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) grants of \$5,000 in January and August 2011. EUDL grants are awarded by the Illinois Department of Human Services through the Illinois Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug and Violence Protection at Eastern Illinois University.

The previous grants have been used to purchase equipment such as a portable breath test, provide extra police staff to conduct on-campus roadside safety checks, and increase the monitoring of parties at Founders' Woods apartments and the residence halls on campus.

Due to the efforts made possible by the previous grants, Benedictine University police feel that students are now becoming more aware of the consequences of underage drinking and the health risks it may impose

“These grants have given us the opportunity to provide the campus with extra patrols in order to monitor the safety of the students,” Sgt. Paul Creekmore said. “Due to the success of the programs made possible by the previous two grants, we feel that students are more compliant and know that there will be consequences when partaking in the activity.”

Aided by the initial grant in January 2011, the Benedictine Police Department issued 134 alcohol violation citations, six drug citations, four citations for unlawful use of an I.D., and a ticket to an impaired driver during the Spring 2011 semester.

“It is all about keeping the students and the community safe, and providing awareness and educational programming on responsible partying and alcohol consumption,” Creekmore said.

Creekmore said that the department is working on another grant to purchase a new patrol motorcycle.