



## **GRANT AWARDED TO REDUCE INJURIES, FATALITIES ON RURAL ROADS**

Pioneer RESA announces a grant of \$92,000 has been received from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for building community mobilizations in Northeast Georgia for the purpose of reducing injuries and fatalities on rural roads.

Traffic crashes are a leading cause of injury death in Georgia and as such a major public health problem. The tragic loss of Georgians to traffic crashes devastates families both emotionally and financially and imposes far-reaching societal cost to employers and government agencies as well as public and private insurers.

Georgians traveling on rural roads in rural communities are at increased risk for motor vehicle-crash related death.

This grant is focused on a public health approach to create safety-related changes in environmental and individual factors made possible by working with community partners to address this problem. The project provides additional support to local health departments which have suffered reduction in staff from recent budget cuts.

The grant contains funding for the registration of training for the entire State Troopers staff in Troop B.

This project is to cover counties in Northeast Georgia: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White.

This project is providing support and the coordination of 20 Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapters in high schools in Northeast Georgia.

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