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Kendall County Sheriff's Office Awarded a Grant to Purchase Traffic Safety Equipment

On December 18, 2018, Kendall County Sheriff's Office applied for a Traffic Safety grant funded by AAA which established a special contribution program allowing law enforcement agencies to submit requests for grant assistance to aid in the purchase of needed traffic safety equipment.

On January 9, 2019, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office was informed that an \$18,000 grant for the purchase of a RADAR speed trailer with a message board, and separate radar speed sign had been awarded. Through this grant, The Sheriff's Office will be purchasing from All Traffic Solutions the following: An ATS5 Speed Alert 24 RADAR speed and messaging trailer, and a Shield 12 portable RADAR speed display sign. When deployed, the portability of The Speed Alert 24 RADAR speed and messaging trailer will allow the Sheriff's Office to provide immediate information to the motoring public regarding accidents, reasons for road closures, detours and dangerous roadway conditions. The messaging capabilities of the trailer will also allow the Sheriff's Office to notify the public of upcoming traffic related incidents and various other information for drivers on Kendall County highways and roadways.

Sheriff Dwight Baird said, "This grant award will allow the Kendall County Sheriff's Office to purchase equipment that will assist the Sheriff's Office in our mission to enhance public safety on our roadways. Deputies will be aided by promoting voluntary speed limit compliance from motorists and with obtaining critical data collection such as vehicle speeds and traffic volume counts on roadways within Kendall County. This traffic data allows the Sheriff's Office to better allocate appropriate resources to problematic traffic areas throughout the county to reduce speed limit violations, promote safer roadways, and reduce speed related traffic crashes."

"We're thrilled we could help the Kendall County Sheriff's Office with their traffic safety efforts and to help reduce speed-related crashes on the roadways," added Charlene Sligting, spokesperson for AAA Chicago.

Picture from left to right are: Sheriff Dwight A. Baird, Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder, Charlene Sligting (spokesperson from AAA), Sgt. Mark Bunting, and Commander Jason Langston.