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Safe Stop-Green Envelope Program

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Wethersfield, CT – The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles and Connecticut Council on Organizations Serving the Deaf are proud to reissue The Green Envelope Program for the deaf and hard of hearing drivers in Connecticut.

Ms. Alexandra McGee, President of the Connecticut Council on Organizations Serving the Deaf, stated “The Green Envelopes served to improve safety for Deaf drivers and Police Officers in years past. It is comforting to know that they are now in use again.”

In Connecticut, 1 in 5 drivers are hard of hearing or deaf and this is a rapidly growing number every year. This program is designed to minimize communication obstacles for police officers who are engaged in law enforcement activities, involving the deaf and or hard of hearing motor vehicles operators. All members of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association recognize the potential stress levels for the deaf and hard of hearing motor vehicle operators when interfaced with a public safety officer.

"We always stand ready to help our citizens and this green envelope will provide enormous benefit to both law enforcement and the deaf and hearing impaired community", said DMV Commissioner Michael Bzdyra.

Utilizing the bright Green Alert Envelope, which should contain the driver's license, registration, insurance information, will reduce potential stress levels for the deaf or hard of hearing motor vehicle operators and the officers at the scene.

"The Green Envelope program will enhance our ability to connect with the deaf community, thus preventing any misunderstanding by either side due to a lack of communication. The CPCA is proud to be part of this partnership" said CPCA President, Chief John Gavallas, Watertown.

The envelopes will be available at many Connecticut Police Departments and from The Department of Motor Vehicles.

About CPCA: The **Connecticut Police Chiefs Association** is an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of the residents of the State of Connecticut; to aiding other government bodies within and external to the State of Connecticut in the administration of justice, ensuring that all are treated equally before the law. To strive always to provide service to the public of the highest attainable quality by constantly searching for those methods that will keep Connecticut law enforcement in the forefront of public safety issues.

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