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NEWCASTLE POLICE RECEIVE $5000 GIFT FOR SQUAD CAR CAMERA

Newcastle Police will soon have a new tool to help in their traffic stops. The department just received a $5000 gift for the purchase of a new squad car camera called the ICOP. It automatically starts recording when the emergency lights are activated. An added benefit of the camera is "pre-event" recording. When an officer activates the emergency lights, the ICOP also captures the action one minute prior to the event, which can help in the prosecution of a case.

The monetary gift was designed to help police crackdown on DUI suspects and was given by William Ryan Select, LTD, an international trading and consulting company in Bellevue that also imports tequila. CEO Sang Chae says his company is taking proactive steps to ensure people drink responsibly. "It is our way of giving back to the community and being a responsible company," said Chae.

King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg applauded William Ryan Select for its gift to purchase an in-car video system. "Cameras provide one more tool to assist law enforcement and prosecutors in keeping our community safe from those who drink and drive," said Satterberg.

Newcastle Police currently have one other squad car camera. Police Chief Melinda Irvine says the addition of a second camera will help to make the streets of Newcastle even safer. "In addition to focusing on traffic safety we can now increase our efforts on DUI prevention," said Irvine.