



# SOMERSET POLICE



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## **Somerset Police Awarded State Grants**

The Somerset Police Department received notification this week through Mayor Eddie Girdler's office that two grants have been awarded totaling \$24,709.

The police department will receive \$17,702.00 for the upcoming year to pay overtime expenses for DUI enforcement; and \$7,007.00 for the purchase of Mobile Data Terminals (MDT).

The DUI enforcement grant has been awarded to SPD and many other agencies within the Commonwealth for a number of years. Patrol officers work the DUI assignment before or after their regular shifts, and on their days off. Their task is concentrated on DUI detection and they do not typically answer routine radio calls. In the past three years, SPD officers have made 936 arrests for impaired driving violations. A number of those arrests were made by officers being paid by this grant.

The second grant the police department has received allows for the purchase of additional MDT computers for patrol cruisers. Officers have had the ability for many years to query wanted people, driver's license files, and vehicle registrations from inside their patrol cars. This grant allows the police department to continue the practice of outfitting all patrol units with a laptop computer to assist in their patrol duties.

The MDT additions come at the right time as Pulaski County was just updated with eWarrants, an electronic warrant system being deployed throughout the Commonwealth. The laptop computers now permit officers to create, view, and execute arrest warrants and summonses issued anywhere in Kentucky. Pulaski County makes the 84<sup>th</sup> of the 120 counties to receive access to eWarrants.