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### Sheriff's Office Awarded Mini-Grant for Helmets

The Washington State Legislature, via budget proviso in the 2021 Legislative Session, allocated \$10,000 to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) for a helmet distribution program in an effort to reduce Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) throughout the state. The funds were to be disbursed through WASPC mini-grants to local law enforcement agencies for distribution into their communities to those bicyclists, skateboarders, or others needing a helmet.

Working through our Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) Target Zero Manager (TZM) Dianne Swanson and agency Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Sergeant Jeff Godbey, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office secured a \$1,000 helmet mini-grant. As a result, Sergeant Godbey worked with our local retail partners at Chehalis Walmart to, in short order, obtain an array of helmet styles, colors, and sizes for distribution. In addition to the mini-grant funds, Walmart donated an additional \$500 toward the effort, which was greatly appreciated.

Depicted in the photo below is Sheriff Rob Snaza and Sergeant Godbey accepting delivery of the helmets from Walmart employees, which will soon be distributed throughout Lewis County. "We are always looking for ways to make our communities safer and it's through partnerships that we make this happen," said Sheriff Snaza. "We appreciate the Legislature making these funds available through WASPC, and for our WTSC TZM Mrs. Swanson and LEL Sergeant Godbey taking advantage of this grant opportunity that will ultimately benefit citizens within our communities. Lastly, we can't thank our partners at Walmart enough for their unwavering support of special opportunities like this, as well as our yearly Shop with a Cop event ... Simply put, they are awesome partners!"



**Lewis County Sheriff's Office Mission Statement:**

Being a committed community partner, providing professional service to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life in Lewis County.