



BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Locals Donate Funds for Lutzie 43 Scholarships

The kindness and generosity of nearby businesses and private citizens is making it possible to award local students a Lutzie 43 scholarship when they formally pledge to not drive distracted. The donations are an important part of a continuation of the Lutzie 43 Campaign the Town of Bluffton partnered with last spring in the hopes to educate and save lives.

The latest donation of \$2,000 comes from Harbor Light Insurance. The partners of Harbor Light Insurance presented Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka and Bluffton Police Chief Chris Chapmond with the check. One of the partners of Harbor Light Insurance is Town of Bluffton Councilman Harry Lutz who expressed his understanding of the significance of this Distracted Driving Campaign to the Bluffton community.

"It is very important that more conversations take place involving the Dangers of Distracted Driving. As an insurance company, we assist our clients who have been hurt in vehicle accidents or have dealt with some type of destruction or mishap. It makes sense we would donate to the Lutzie 43 scholarship fund that could financially assist a student with college loans and ultimately make them a better community member," said Lutz.

Earlier this month, the Town of Bluffton received a \$1,000 donation to be applied to the Lutzie 43 campaign. The donation was a result of the Town of Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka's selection by Cingo, a regional pest-control company, as a recipient of their Circle and Shield Award recognizing quiet heroes of the community. The award is accompanied by a \$1,000 donation to a cause of the recipient's choosing.

"I'm so proud of this campaign and what we have been able to accomplish. These donations are the next step in providing scholarships to students who need these funds to acquire a higher education," said Sulka.

There are several other avenues through which the Town received funds to support the award of Lutzie 43 scholarships, to include donations from private citizens and fundraising activities like the Lutzie 43 5K through historic Bluffton last August, which is expected to be an annual event.

Bluffton Police Chief Chapmond said, "We want all motorists, no matter their age, to realize how important it is to complete the safety driving checklist when you get into a vehicle. Make sure to have a CLEAR HEAD, CLEAR HANDS, CLEAR EYES AND click it. The more we talk about this campaign and have students involved in the campaign, the more everyone will begin listening."

Since this DISTRACTED DRIVING campaign was launched, the Town has partnered with numerous local businesses who provide in-kind donations and sweat equity donations. If interested in helping the Town of Bluffton's efforts to combat distracted driving or learn more about how you can be involved in the

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Pictured left to right: Rich Sebastian - Harbor Light Insurance, Harry Lutz – Harbor Light Insurance, Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka, Bluffton Police Chief Chris Chapmond.

Here is a link to the Bluffton Police Department's Youtube page with video and soundbites from Harry Lutz and Mayor Sulka on the check donation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSQ87Fd2Md4>

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