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Bicycle Patrol Implemented at Effingham Police Department

Through a generous donation by the Effingham Park District of two Police Model Trek bikes, citizens of Effingham will begin seeing Officers on Bicycle Patrol effective immediately. The bicycles were purchased through Bike & Hike and are fully equipped for Police Patrol. Several Officers have already completed the Certified Police Bicyclists training, and others are scheduled to go through this program in the near future.

Chief Jeffrey Fuesting is excited about this new program which allows more community engagement between Officers and the public. "Not only will this increase the capabilities of our Law Enforcement Officers, it will also allow us to interact more closely with citizens. Jeff Althoff with the Park District was instrumental in making this program happen, and I look forward to working with him to ensure a positive Police presence in the City's parks, on the Trek Trail, at special events and in neighborhoods throughout the community."

Jeff Althoff was pleased to partner with the Police Department in this venture. "It's great when we can work together on projects like this that will truly benefit the Community."

The Bicycle Patrol program highlights the progress being made in Effingham, as the Police Department strives to enhance the quality of life in the City of Effingham by providing responsive and professional services working with the public, preserving the peace, enforcing the laws, and maintaining safe neighborhoods.



Pictured from Left to Right:
Jeff Althoff, Executive Director, Effingham Park District; Jim Dillow, Sergeant, Effingham Police Department; Robbie Sams, Manager, Bike & Hike

