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Local Businesses Make SRT Vehicle Possible

Effingham Police Department now has a Special Response Team (SRT) vehicle, a 2018 Dodge RAM ProMaster 3500 van, which has been outfitted to meet the unique needs of the Effingham community. Purchased locally in 2018 from Goeckner Brothers, 600 E. Fayette Avenue, the addition of this resource will allow the department's SRT team to carry and store the specialized equipment necessary to perform various types of focused assignments throughout the community as needed. In addition to the Special Response Team needs, crime scene equipment will be readily stored in the vehicle for immediate deployment to a scene by members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

The van has been equipped to accommodate the SRT's need for both seating and storage. Higgs Welding, 101 Zumbahlen Avenue, Dieterich, generously donated all the labor and equipment to outfit the van to meet the requirements the Team has for storing all the equipment as well as seating for transportation of the Team to and from assignments. In addition to Higgs Welding's work and support, Tri-Power Towing, 900 S. Oak Street, assisted with financial support for the project.

"This vehicle has been made possible through the gracious generosity of Higgs Welding and Tri-Power Towing who want to contribute to make Effingham a safer community," commended Chief Jeffrey Fuesting. "I personally want to thank Vince, Brett and Troy Higgs for the countless hours put into this project outfitting this vehicle to meet our needs. Mike Depoister, owner of Tri-Power Towing, was instrumental supporting the project. The collaboration between our business community and the Department are what makes Effingham a great place to live, work and play. We are very grateful for such community support."

If you see it, say it! The Effingham Police Department encourages you to call the Police Department immediately at 217-347-0774 to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood or business district. Information can be given anonymously by calling the CRIMESTOPPERS Tip Line at 217-347-6583. Anonymous callers can receive up to \$1,000 cash rewards.



