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PRESS RELEASE

MED HANDS OVER ROAD SAFETY EQUIPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POLICE TRAFFIC UNIT

For immediate release.

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As part of the continuous fight against road traffic incidents and loss of life on Belize's highways, today, the Second Road Safety Project handed over much-needed equipment to the Department of Transport (DoT) and Police Traffic Unit.

The equipment gifted to the DoT includes, among other items, handheld radios, flashlights, handcuffs, retractable speed bumps, first-aid kits, checkpoint signs, and binoculars. The Police Traffic Unit received flashlights, binoculars, traffic cones, first-aid kits, and reflective safety vests.

Valued at BZ\$196,815.00, the equipment is expected to further enhance the DoT's capabilities and efficiency in working with the Police Traffic Unit to better enforce road traffic regulations.

Dr. Osmond Martinez, CEO for the Ministry of Economic Development, and Mr. Zane Castillo, Project Manager for the Second Road Safety Project, handed over the equipment. Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Youth, Sports and Transport; Dr. Gilroy Middleton, CEO in the ministry; and Mr. Leon Gentle, Chief Transport Officer, accepted the equipment on behalf of the Department of Transport. Supt. Jerome Stephens, Head of the Police Traffic Unit, accepted the donation on behalf of the Police Department.

The Second Road Safety Project is being executed through the Ministry of Economic Development with loan funding from the Caribbean Development Bank.

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