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Newaygo County to Implement E-Ticketing

The Newaygo County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with the Board of Commissioners, area police departments, and the District Court is in the process of implementing e-ticketing and electronic crash reporting throughout the County. E-ticketing allows officers to scan driver's licenses, check driver's information through the Michigan Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), and issue tickets using handheld printers. Information from the ticket is then transmitted electronically to a records management system and to the District Court Office.

"Electronic transmittal of ticket information saves time for both the court and for law enforcement," said Undersheriff Brian Boyd. "The court has a clear, legible record of the ticket that can be processed easily and the police department is saved the time it spends filing handwritten tickets." E-ticketing also creates efficiencies when a police report needs to be filed, because information from the ticket can be easily transferred to the report. In the future E-ticketing may lead to electronic crash reporting as well, further increasing law enforcement efficiency.

"As law enforcement agencies face shrinking budgets, we have to learn to do more with less," stated Newaygo Police Chief Pat Hedlund. "E-ticketing reduces time spent processing tickets and allows us to spend more time on other critical areas."

E-ticketing is a collaborative project funded in part by the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners and contributions from police departments in the Cities of Fremont, Grant, Newaygo, and White Cloud and from the Michigan State Police. "We are pleased to work with the Newaygo County Chiefs Association, the Sheriffs Office, and the District Court to implement e-ticketing," said Commissioner Stanley Nieboer. "Our collaborative efforts will increase efficiency and aid law enforcement, leading to a safer Newaygo County."

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