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Media Advisory

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DPDs' New High Tech Scanner Aids in Crash Scene Reconstruction

- WHAT:** Durham Police Department (DPD) recently purchased a **FARO Focus S70 3D Scanner** that enhances investigators' proficiency to recreate and diagram traffic crash scenes.
- WHO:** Sgt. Brian Massengill of the Traffic Services Unit will conduct a demonstration of the equipment that will show how the scanner is used in the field and a sample 3-D rendering.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019
1:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Durham Police Headquarters
602 E. Main Street

FAST FACTS

- The new technology increases efficiency of crime scene investigations by reducing human error and improving accuracy of data; reduces time spent reconstructing traffic crash scenes (saving officer time); helps to open roadways hours earlier than current practice allows (saving the public/motorists time); and provides quality evidence for trial (stronger documentation for court).
- The cost of the FARO Focus S70 3D Scanner and accessories, roughly \$67,000, was paid for with Asset Forfeiture funds. DPD anticipates purchasing a second scanner in the next couple of months using carryover funds to help cover costs.
- The scanners will be used by staff of DPD's Traffic Services Unit and the Forensic Services Unit.
- Seven Traffic Services officers recently completed a 40-hour training course to learn how to use the equipment. Currently, the Traffic Services Unit is comprised of eight members (including a sergeant and corporal).

- DPD's Forensic Services Unit consists of two sections - Crime Lab and Crime Scene. There is a unit commander, four crime scene specialists and 12 crime scene investigators. With the exception of the commander, Forensic Services employees are civilian/non-sworn staff.

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