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## Motor City Horse Force, Chevrolet donate horse power to Sheriff's Mounted Unit

### ◆ *New 6-horse trailer and truck to benefit popular team of deputies*

**DETROIT, Mich.** – Chevrolet today donated 365 horses to the Restore the Horse Foundation for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office mounted police unit. The horses are corralled under the hood of a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado HD 3500 "dually" pickup truck, which along with a horse trailer donated by Restore the Horse, will be used to maintain and enhance the local mounted unit – the last of its kind in the state of Michigan.



The mounted police unit provides a critical role to both the Wayne County force and to the local community. Among other advantages, it provides visibility, search and rescue, community relations, crowd control and general patrol. The mounted unit was in dire need of a new truck and trailer to support the multiple needs and requests it receives.

Enter the Restore the Horse Foundation. Established in July of 2007 to support the needs of the sheriff's mounted unit, the IRS-approved charitable trust is led by Brig. Gen. Robert S. Raisch, USMC (Ret.). The group of Detroit business and community leaders worked with local companies and individual donors to secure donations to assist the local mounted unit. Most recently, it secured the truck donation from Chevrolet, and the trailer was secured with the help Michigan Trailer and Featherlite.

"We are grateful for the generosity of local companies like General Motors, Michigan Trailer and Featherlite," said Raisch. "It's great to see companies like these take an active role in improving their community."

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The Chevrolet Silverado HD 3500 is equipped with a Duramax Diesel engine and dual-rear wheels with 16,000 pounds of towing capacity and the security of OnStar.

"When we heard about this need in our own back yard, we wanted to help," said Ed Peper, Chevrolet general manager. "There aren't many trucks on the market that will do what the Wayne County mounted unit needs, but the Silverado HD fits the bill perfectly. We're thrilled to help out and satisfied to know this Chevrolet will be helping out around the area for many years to come."

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans said that this dual donation will allow his mounted patrol to help make Wayne County safer - and friendlier.

"Having this fantastic new truck and trailer means that we can expand the Sheriff's Mounted Patrol presence to more community events and be better prepared for unexpected situations that may arise," Evans said. "This is a huge leap forward for our officers. I can't thank our friends at Chevrolet, Michigan Trailer and Featherlite and the Restore the Horse Foundation enough for their generous support."

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