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**4<sup>th</sup> Annual golf tournament raises record amount for Arkansas State Police Foundation**

PARAGOULD, AR – The 4th annual Arkansas State Police Foundation Golf Tournament, presented by First National Bank, raised \$200,000 for the foundation, which supports Arkansas State Police Troopers and their families. The event, held annually at the Paragould Country Club, was the culmination of months of planning and preparation by First National Bank staff members. Our employees work together to plan, promote, and recruit teams and sponsors for this event.

First National Bank surpassed the amount of money raised at the previous golf tournament by more than \$40,000, despite having to take a year off due to COVID-19 concerns in August of 2020. Since starting the tournament in 2017, First National Bank has raised more than \$485,000 for the ASPF.

The Arkansas State Police Foundation was founded in 2002 to ensure our state police are fully equipped and prepared to protect and serve in any emergency. Their main goal is to raise money for Arkansas State Troopers and their families in the event of an emergency or loss. They also proactively work to inform and educate the public of police activities and support community outreach programs.

In recent years, the foundation has worked toward creating and completing a Precision Driving Track for the state of Arkansas, as we were one of the last states in the nation to receive one. The driving facility, which is well underway at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock, consists of five different training areas: Five-Lane Highway for PIT Maneuvering, Urban Environment, High-Speed Track, Skid Pad, and a Skills Pad. The first three training areas are fully funded and complete. According to the ASPF, the custom design is intended to mimic the urban and rural environments they may come across in all corners of our state.

The ASPF is currently funding Phase Two of the Precision Driving Complex, which includes an Observation Tower and Maintenance Facility. Phase Three consists of the construction of classrooms, offices, and a car maintenance shop, as well as the Skid Pad and Skills Pad. The Precision Driving Complex will be available for use by all law enforcement officers in the state.

First National Bank was founded in 1889 in Paragould. In the more than 130 years we've operated, we've been committed to supporting our community, and giving back to organizations like the ASPF is critical to our success.

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