

## **Public Relations and Crime Prevention**

The Toccoa Police Department's Bicycle program focused on special events in the downtown area and shopping centers, bicycle patrol officers were also instrumental in helping to reduce street level drug transactions. Throughout the year the program was used to assist in public relations events and patrol areas of concern reported to our office with citizen's tips and officer's observations. Bike officers took time to assist with Bicycle Rodeos, bike safety programs, and participate in the bicycle helmet grant program received in 2009.



**Officer Cobb talking about Bicycle Helmets**



**Officer Bohannon helping with a Bicycle Rodeo**

The police department attended many functions throughout the year 2009. Some included festivals located downtown and in area schools. Below are a few examples of these functions and their locations.



**2009 Christmas Parade**



**Chief Whitmire at the 2009 Harvest Festival-WNEG Radio, Child Safety Seat display.**



**Assist. Chief Jarrell Child Fingerprinting/Identification at local elementary schools.**



**Officer Littleton talking with children on the importance of Child Seats**



**Capt. Newkirk, Officers Norris and Cobb talk with elementary students about bicycle safety, drug and alcohol abuse and stranger danger.**