

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** October 13, 2008

**THROUGH:** FINANCE COMMITTEE

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** RECOGNITION AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT REVENUES FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY TO CONDUCT DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) / SPEED EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$232,900 in grant revenue from the State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to the Police Department Traffic Section.

## BACKGROUND

The State OTS has awarded \$232,900 to the Police Department to conduct Driving Under the Influence (DUI) / Speed education and enforcement programs. The grant period runs from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. No matching funds are required. The Police Department already conducts several similar checkpoints during the course of the year. It has been our experience that these programs are valuable in reducing incidents related to persons driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and excessive speed. Measuring the preventative effects of drunk driving and excessive speed are difficult, but every person that is intercepted by these programs are unable to contribute to the inevitable destruction caused by drunk driving and speeding which can result in accidents, injuries and deaths on our streets.

To further enhance officer's ability to investigate DUI collisions and provide speed enforcement the grant provides funds for the following purchases:

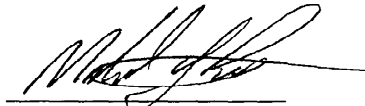
1. Electronic Accelerometer – the device is used to accurately measure the coefficient of friction of a roadway surface. This information is then used in conjunction with physical evidence present at a traffic collision scene to accurately depict the movements of vehicles involved in a collision. The information gathered by the electronic accelerometer can prove crucial to the accurate reconstruction of a collision scene.

2. Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) Devices Upgrades – 8 upgrades to existing PAS Devices to allow test results to be stored in the unit for later download and printing for use in court to enhance prosecution of DUI offenders.
3. Moving Mode Radar Units – 15 moving mode radar units to be affixed to motorcycles. This allows officers to monitor the speed of motorists from not only a fixed position but while driving in the city.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

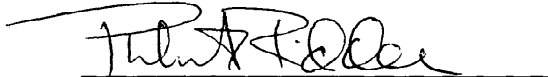
Approval of this recommendation will increase Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget revenues and appropriations to the Police Department by \$232,900.

Respectfully submitted,



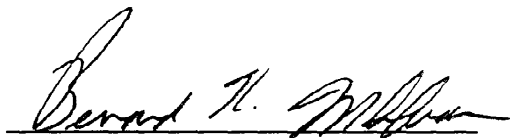
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