


*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 21, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVING/DUI INTERDICTION PROGRAM IN FY 2010

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of a renewal grant application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for an aggressive driving and driving under the influence (DUI) interdiction program.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** That City Council:

- (1) Approve the grant application to the Virginia DMV in the amount of \$54,750, which will provide funds to the Police Department to operate a DUI/aggressive driving interdiction program in the City;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required; and
- (3) Because of severe City budget constraints, affirm that no additional City funds would be available to fund this program in FY 2010 or future years.

**DISCUSSION:** For the past eleven years, the City has obtained a grant under this program to allow the Police Department to pay overtime for police officers to conduct high intensity patrol operations, targeting aggressive drivers whose behavior contributed statistically to automobile crashes and unsafe driving complaints. The targeted behaviors included right-of-way violations, stop sign violations, speeding and following too closely.

The grant request is for \$54,750 for Federal FY 2010 (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010). The Police Department plans to use \$45,000 for overtime operations to combat aggressive driving and DUI violations. The Police Department will employ police officers on overtime status to deploy mobile and stationary patrols as methods to reduce the number of alcohol and aggressive driving related accidents in the City.

The Police Department also plans to use \$7,200 for six Alco-Sensors and three Laser speed detection devices to assist officers with their enforcement efforts; and \$2,550 for regional crash

investigation and DUI enforcement training. The Alco-Sensors allow an officer to determine a person's blood alcohol content as part of the preliminary investigation for DUI offenses. The Laser speed detection devices are used to enforce speeding violations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The grant requires the City to provide a 20 percent match in the form of an in-kind contribution. The proposed match has been identified in the Police Department's operating budget and includes funds designated for vehicle depreciation and maintenance costs. In addition, the City is responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with this grant. Since the City's share is an in-kind match of resources, there is no additional fiscal impact to the City in obtaining the grant.

It should be noted that there are no additional monies in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended.

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